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Set And Pane, 3 Singles; Egypt

Egypt has announced through Saad El-Chichini, chief of the philatelic service of the country, that commemorative singles will be released June 18, October 18, and "in November", with a set of five and an associated miniature sheet scheduled for July 23. One of the singles is a recent substitute for an item previously announced for the same date, while still a fourth which had been scheduled for May to note the Brussels Fair has been cancelled.

June 18 will bring the issuance of a million copies of a 10 mills value on the 5th anniversary of the proclamation of the republic. The theme, however, has been shifted from that event to pay tribute to the "Struggle of Peoples and Individuals for Independence". One fifth of the issue will be overprinted for use in Palestine and sold to collectors on the 1-to-10 rate when the unoverprinted adhesives are bought.

The big splurge comes July 23 with five 10m. singles each in one color, but all printed in a single five-color sheet of 50 stamps (10 complete sets per sheet). Five industries will be depicted on the respective stamps: iron and steel, electric power and fertilizer, petroleum, cement, and textile.

The 50m. miniature sheet will depict the UAR flag in red, white and black, with two green stars. Editions will be 50,000 of the miniature item and 500,000 complete sets of the five values. The rapidly spreading practice of the tie-in sales scheme will again be used, with one miniature sheet allowed for each ten sets purchased.

Finally, on October 18 a million copies of another 10m. single will honor the "Arab Union of Telecommunications", while at a not yet decided date in November the postponed "Golden Jubilee of Faculty of Fine Arts and Faculty of Applied Arts" commem will appear.

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JAPANESE BASE IN ANTARCTIC. In the Geophysical Year searching going on at the South Pole area by several nations, the Japanese team is located at Prince Harald Island. They too have a post office where mail is postmarked. The device shows a penguin in the foreground and the buildings of the camp in the background. The cover was submitted by Bill Schneider of Metuchen, N. J.

United States First Days; A Review of Cancellations, Covers And Cachets Since 1920

Gerald H. Strauss

The late H. M. Brehm once told this story about an ardent first day cover collector:

"The night of February 24, 1929, was stormy and bitter cold, but Joseph H. Zix of Indianapolis had a plan, and he was going to carry it out.

"The postmaster at Vincennes had promised to open his post-office at one minute after midnight, to sell the Rogers Clark stamps. So Joe was there when the window opened, got his stamps and drove to Indianapolis.

"Joe was mail-dispatcher at the Indianapolis PO and a stamp collector too. He had worked out a schedule so fine and sent out his covers on night-time trains, that on February 26th they were all back, cancelled the first day, February 25, 1929, from the six capitals of the States comprising the old Northwest Territory:

"Madison, Wisconsin; Springfield, Illinois; Columbus, Ohio; Lansing, Michigan; St. Paul, Minnesota; Indianapolis, Indiana.

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Mr. Brehm valued these covers, not for their uniqueness or monetary worth, but for the story behind them. In essence, that is the appeal of stamp collecting in general and first day cover collecting in particular. It may be said that while a stamp merely suggests a story, a first day cover tells it.

Until the 1920's first day cover collecting actually did not exist. Of course, first day covers are available of many of the pre-1920 issues dating back to the first releases of July 1, 1847. But these were accidentally produced by non-collectors or by philatelists who were not fully aware of the covers' significance.

It is difficult to determine definitely for what stamp an "intentional" first day cover was first produced, but 3-cent Victory issue of 1919 has been given the honor. Henry Hammelman, a

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Until a very few years ago, first day covers were collected primarily by youngsters and newcomers to philately. They were popular enough—more than twelve million of them were cancelled in 1948 alone, when thirty new U. S. stamps were issued—but the advanced collectors pretty much ignored them. Today, however, the FDC field no longer is strictly for the kids and novices. When first day covers sell for as much as thirty times the price of mint or used copies of the stamps, as they do in current auction sales, the serious philatelists have moved in.

And this is true for 20th century issues—from within the past thirty or forty years—that are in every child's collection, as well as for the 19th century "classics". But this development of first day cover collecting into a real field of specialization has not meant that the average collectors have been forced out. On the contrary, U. S. first day covers are being produced and collected in larger numbers than ever before. The rapidly growing interest in foreign first day covers has opened up many new and varied possibilities in the field, for both specialists and average collectors.

To meet the need for a national philatelic organization to serve this growing segment of the hobby the American First Day Cover Society was organized in 1955. The idea for such a group was conceived by the late Richard Bohn, one of philately's outstanding personalities.

Since Mr. Bohn was busy with preparations for the forthcoming Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition—FIPEX—of which he was president, the idea lay dormant for several months. Then Prescott H. Thorp, another well-known stamp figure, mentioned the plan to Leo and Sam August, pioneers in the field of first day cover collecting and dealing, and they really started the ball rolling.

Norman H. Lee and Gerald H. Strauss were chosen to take over the operation of the "blueprint society" and in November 1955 the AFDCS made its debut and bid for its first members at the New York ASDA Show. The following May, with 1000 members enrolled, the AFDCS participated in FIPEX by having its own lounge and by putting on a special study group exhibit of first day covers.

By the time the big show was over, this new society, which many of the old-timers doubted would even get off the ground, was given a fighting chance to survive—by the same old-timers. (Continued on page 20)

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AFDCS 1958 Convention

The American First Day Cover Society's Third Annual Con-
vention will be held August 1-3 at the National Philatelic Museum in
Philadelphia, Pa. In conjunction with the convention, the First In-
ternational First Day Cover Exhibition, consisting of 270 frames of
competitive exhibits and 30 Court of Honor frames shown by invita-
tion, will be on display.

The U. S. Post Office Department will operate a post office
station at the Museum during the three-day convention, and a special
cancellation will be affixed to all mail posted there.

The annual AFDCS banquet will be held at the Broadwood Ho-
tel, the official convention headquarters, at 8 p. m. August 2. Fea-
tured speakers will be Franklin R. Bruns, Jr., Director of the Post
Office Department's Division of Philately, and Harry L. Lindquist,
President of the National Federation of Stamp Clubs. Awards in
the competitive exhibition will be presented at the banquet.

All collectors are invited to participate in the competitive ex-
hibition. A grand award will be given for the best exhibit in the
show. Trophies and other awards will be given for the best in
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Many activities are being planned for the convention. Included
are talks on philatelic subjects, discussion groups, tours of the Na-
tional Philatelic Museum, and excursions to places of interest in
and around Philadelphia. There also will be a dealers' bourse.

The National Philatelic Museum is centrally located in Philadel-
phia at 2043 N. Broad St. (at Diamond St.) in its own large building.
Besides the main exhibition hall, there are meeting rooms, smaller
exhibition areas, and one of the largest philatelic libraries in the
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Frisco Groups Aid
World Trade Week

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Trade Center, representing an in-
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sored by the State of California,
was opened in San Francisco in
the presence of representatives of
the various embassies of the
world and prominent government
and industrial leaders of the
state.

The Center covers three floors
in the whole north wing of the
60-year-old Ferry Bldg. historic
landmark located at a key point
on San Francisco's waterfront.

The Center is now the meet-
ing place of two of the San Fran-
cisco bay area's largest philatelic
organizations, the Pacific Phila-
telic Society and the San Fran-
cisco Stamp Society. What made
this arrangement possible was
the fact that philately was re-
cognized as a world wide hobby
of particular interest to visiting
delegations from abroad.

To further this interest, the two
societies have arranged a perma-
nent display of the stamps of
many countries in the library at
the Center. The room seats over
100 people, and the Societies meet
there the third Monday evening
of each month. The display will
be changed monthly. It will be
open to the general public with-
out charge.

During World Trade Week May
18-25 the clubs held a large
showing of stamps of the world.
It was given wide publicity, be-
ing seen by all the delegations
from abroad as well as a great
many local visitors. M. C. Dilling-
ham, Menlo Park, Calif. is presi-
dent of both stamp groups.

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Offer Camporee Cachet

Tonawandas District, Boy
Scouts of America is issuing spe-
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connection with their Camporee
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Dominican Republic
Notes 4th Book Fair

The Dominican Republic, to
commemorate the Fourth Latin-
American Book Fair held in Ciu-
dad Trujillo April 23-28, issued
on the 23rd a set of three stamps
in values of 4, 7 and 10c. The
single design shows an open book
with a marker reaching down to
a spot on a globe representing
Ciudad Trujillo. In the back-
ground is a portrait of Miguel
Cervantes, a respected figure in
Spanish literature.

May 26 will be first day of sale
of the October 1957 set of tri-
angular Olympic Games stamps,
now overprinted for United Na-
tions relief work in the Near
East.

The five regulars and three
airs will be overprinted in red
"REFUGIADOS / + 2c", in a to-
tal of 50,000 complete sets. Each
stamp will also bear the Star of
David or the Moslem Red Cres-
cent. Further, 5000 each of the
perf and imperf Olympic mini-
ature sheets will be similarly
treated, but with a 5c surcharge
per stamp.

While the past tie-in sales re-
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of the Collectors Club of Holly-
wood, Calif. Volume I, Number
1 of this three-page mimeo-
graphed newsy communique was
issued December 30.

This first issue shows the re-
sult of good planning and work
by editor Burr Daniels and pub-
lisher William Gordon. It might
well serve as a pilot model for
other groups thinking of having
bulletins of their own.

Departments include an edi-
torial, comment on past meetings
and plans for future gatherings,
a profile on an officer of the
club, and a list of members' spe-
cial wants. There is also a bit of
boasting about club exhibitors
having made a grand sweep of
top prizes at the November SES-
CAL exhibition.

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ties of the group.

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merfield. Wilkes-Barre, Pa. used
one May 10-25 noting its Fine
Arts Fiesta and Baltimore, Md.,
employed another May 18-25 for
World Trade Week, Port of Bal-
timore.

Clarksburg, W. Va. began using
one May 12 to continue through
October 31 proclaiming the city's
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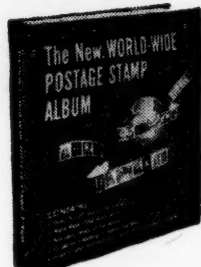
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GEORGE W. LINN

We are now reminded by Mr. Wm. C. Notmeyer of San Francisco, who states that the day of the Dog Sled Mail is about to end. He writes that there is now but one route left in operation and that it is slated to go out of existence soon.

Mr. Notmeyer suggests instead of a stamp honoring this great branch of our mail service plus the use of the usual first day cover feature that a commemorative be issued as a memorial to it and the sturdy huskies and the strong men who performed the job, on its last day of operation. In effect a Last Day Cover glorifying one of the most historic and romantic branches of the United States Mail Service.

We have many subscribers in Alaska. Boys, it is time to start now to ask our Stamp Advisory Committee as well as our postal officials. Nothing more worthy of recognition has been offered since the Pony Express stamp of 1940. We are soon to have the Overland Mail one, glorifying that branch which preceded the Pony Express. Let us now have a commemorative for that one branch of the mail service that thus far has been overlooked. Without it there would have been little or no mail service for Alaska in the period of the Gold Rush days and for many years later.

We are advised that plans are already underway to close the last of the Dog Sled Mail Routes—and there will no longer be the cry of mush, mush, over the frozen trails.

The memory of this great branch of our postal service can be perpetuated in this manner and the story of our dog sled mail will live forever in the stamp albums of the world.

Paul Revere vs. Sam Prescott

April 18 was the date on which the postage stamp honoring Paul Revere was released to the public. The reason for putting Paul on a stamp was mostly because of the poem that Mr. Longfellow wrote about his midnight ride. Longfellow however loused up the event to such an extent that it made Paul a greater figure than he actually was. We were taught in school that Paul went to "every Middlesex village and farm," but that was not so because at Lexington he ran into a group of British troops and his ride ended in a cornfield. It so happened that Dr. Sam Prescott was in Lexington that night courting a local belle. By luck he was able to evade the British and carry the news on to Concord. Thus history gets twisted at times and we go right on accepting it without any effort to set the record straight and thus a new stamp is born.

Honoring Simon Bolivar

There is to be a postage stamp honoring Simon Bolivar who to the people of South America stands out as does George Washington to us of the United States. It is scheduled for July 24. The people of Bolivar, Missouri are making a great effort to have their town designated as a first day city, along with Washington, D. C. This is but natural, but doubtless the Post Office Department feels that if it should grant this request that it should also recognize the towns of Bolivar, N.Y., Bolivar, Ohio; Bolivar, Tenn. and Bolivar, Pa. There is also a Bolivar Run Station at Bradford, Pa. It is easy to see why the Department has so far resisted the efforts of the good people of Bolivar, Mo. to have their town named as a First Day of Issue City.

There is ample precedent however for naming all of these towns for it was common practice back in the days of the 20's and the early 30's to name up to a dozen first day cities as was the case with the 2c Sullivan stamp.

Perhaps if Bolivar, Mo. would contact the other Bolivar towns in the states mentioned and the whole crowd gang up on the P. O. D. through their state senators and state representatives, they might get the recognition they crave. On the other hand, why not get Harry Truman to go to bat for them. Harry would love the opportunity.

In any event you first day cover collectors can get a cover canceled at the other Bolivar towns after the first day if you want to have your Bolivar cancels complete. Perhaps some of you might be lucky enough to find friends in some of these who can get you early dated covers.

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Official Cachets Of New York POD

Henry F. Haase

During the administration of Albert Goldman as Postmaster of New York City, special rubber stamp cachets were prepared by the Post Office Department for use on first day covers of stamps issued in New York City. This practice appeared to end when Goldman left office, but when the 3c Steel commemorative was issued last year a cachet was prepared. I was informed that a steel industry organization then meeting in New York City either supplied the rubber cachet stamps or paid for them.



The New York World's Fair cachet of April 1, 1939 was the first of some 14 such which the New York Post office used on FDC's during the 1939-1948 period.

These cachets, which I choose to call "Official New York City Post Office Cachets", were available to all collectors on the first days. The cachets were applied not only to the reverse side of the covers, but also on the front. I used them as cachets on blank envelopes (stamped and canceled, of course) for my family and friends.

The Post Office also printed the cachets on envelopes in a raised form of type, for use by post office employees and officials. In my collection there are such covers sent to me by a friend on the first day of the Washington Inauguration commemorative (Scott No. 854). The cachet is printed in gold. I also have the cachet for the 6c red and blue airmail (No. C23) though not on a first day cover.

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July 24 — Simon Bolivar "Champions of Liberty", 2 values, Washington, D.C. (No further details).

Aug. 15 — Atlantic Cable, New York, N. Y.

Aug. 27 — Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Freeport, Ill.

Sept. 19 — Lajos Kossuth "Champions of Liberty", 2 values, Washington, D.C. (No further details).

Sept. 22 — Journalism, Columbia, Mo.

Oct. 10 — Overland Mail, San Francisco, Calif.

Oct. 16 — Noah Webster, West Hartford, Conn.

Oct. 27 — Forest Conservation, Tucson, Ariz.

Dec. 12 — John Jay 15c regular, Washington, D. C.

Details as to denomination, color and design of all the above stamps will be announced when available.

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1100 — Gardening 3c, Ithaca, N. Y., March 15.

—Liberty 8c "Giori", Cleveland, Ohio, March 22.

1101 — Brussels Exhibition 3c, Detroit, Mich., April 17.

—Revere 25c regular, Boston, Mass., April 18.

1102 — Monroe 3c, Montross, Va., April 28.

1103 — Minnesota Statehood 3c, St. Paul, Minn., May 11.

UNITED NATIONS

April 14—Anniversary of First Session 3c and 8c.

June 2 — 8c Regular issue.

CANADA

June 4—Explorer, LaVerendrye 5c. (50 per pane, 20 millions).

June 26 — 350th Anniversary of Quebec 5c. (50 per pane, 20 million).

June—Canadian Nurses Assn. centennial. (No further details).

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pared. An asterisk (*) indicates that the items exist in printed form. As far as I know, the cachet prepared for the World's Fair stamp in 1939 was the first.

Scott Stamp Issue

*853—N. Y. World's Fair

*854—Washington Inauguration

*881—Victor Herbert

*886—Augustus Saint-Gaudens

*890—Samuel F. B. Morse

902—Thirteenth Amendment

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—Photo, St. Paul Dispatch

Explanation Of Rarity Of Italian FDC's Before 1955

Andrea Assereto

Before 1955, all new Italian issues were canceled on their first days with the regular postmarks of any post office. Occasionally, commemorative stamps were issued in honor of fairs, expositions, or congresses, and in these cases special postmarks were used. But even these were commemorative postmarks in honor of the events rather than for the first days of the stamps.

In this pre-1955 period the Ministry of Posts did not announce in advance anticipated new issues and their first days. Also when stamps were issued, not all cities received them on the first days of sale. Thus only individuals in large cities and organized firms or associations were able to obtain first day covers.

It is very difficult to find first day covers of Italian issues before 1946 because only since then have special cachets been regularly prepared by dealers. FDC's of issues before 1946 are worth double the value of the mint stamps.

A stamp collectors group in Italy called The International Assn. of First Day Covers Collectors solicited the Ministry of Posts to adopt one special cancellation for the "first day of issue" of stamps and postal entires with the words "Primo giorno d'emissione" (first day of issue).



In September 1953, the Minister of Posts, M. Panetti, wrote to the president of the society assuring his interest and promising to

pass on the purposes of the Association to the commission charged with the reorganization of the philatelic services.

Suddenly, when the Pellico issue was released on January 24, 1955, a special postmark was used at Trieste with the words "TRIESTE CENTRO GIORNO DI EMISSIONE" (TRIESTE CENTER DAY OF ISSUE). After that date, the postmark was used regularly in Trieste on first days until September 1956. The last issue so canceled was the commemorative stamp of Avogrado which was issued on the 8th of that month.

The Trieste post office did not service first day covers for collectors. In order to obtain the postmarks it was necessary to present the covers at a special window on the first days.

First day covers from this period are available with normal cancellations from cities other than Trieste, but are less valuable. The special Trieste postmark is proof that the cover actually is an FDC, properly canceled on the day of issue. Covers exist from other days that were canceled after the first days with the first day dates, but in Trieste the postal authorities were very strict.

In the fall of 1956 news arrived from different cities that the post offices had received special postmarks with the word "Filatelico" (Philatelic) and the name of the

particular city. The postmarks arrived from the Ministry of Posts with instructions concerning their use.



Beginning with the issue of the two "Europa" stamps on September 15, 1956 the new markers were to be used only on the first days of issue of the new stamps. In all Italy there are 92 different "Filatelico" postmarks. When this postmark began to be used with the Europa stamps, Trieste ceased using its special "Filatelico" first day postmark in order to conform to national usage.

On the first day of the Europa stamps, the number of covers canceled in all the cities was ten times the normal number. The numbers of FDC's canceled for subsequent issues also have been much larger than before the "Filatelico" cancellation was put into use.

Collectors still hope that in the near future the "Filatelico" postmark will be changed to one with the words "Primo giorno d'emissione", making it indeed a philatelic "First Day of Issue" strike.

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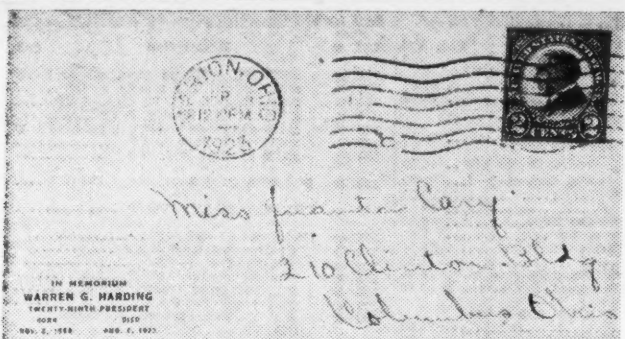
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234	FRANCE #9, 9b 2 shades, faults VG	47.50
235	#37 5fr small faults, almost F	27.50
236	#246 OG F-VF	22.50
237	#251, 253 OG F	18.50
238	#329 Pexip Sheet OG VF	7.00
239	#329 w.spec. can. VF	7.00
240	#C14 50fr. highly can. F-VF	20.00
241	#C15 50fr VF	14.00
242	#C22, 27, 28 OG first light crse. F-VF	14.00
243	#N1-3, 5-7 fresh copies, few faults, F	33.50
244	GERMAN EAST AFRICA #19-21 on P.V. F	28.50
245	#41 nice can. F-VF	27.50
246	GERMAN NEW GUINEA #1-15 F-VF	31.90
247	#16, 17 VF	22.50
248	THURN & TAXIS, #51, 52 nice can. F	30.00
249	#52 nice copy VF	22.50
250	NO. GERM. CONFEDRTN. Cpl. country less #23, 06/7, 32 val. mostly fine	71.72
251	GERMANY #1-6, 8a-11, 13a VG-F	62.92
252	#8, 8a both shades F	24.50
253	#10 thin spots VG	60.00
254	#13 minor faults F	55.00
255	#14-21, 23-25, 27 mostly fine	32.16
256	#22, 2kr large shield VG-F	50.00
257	#24, 18kr tiny thin F-VF	40.00
258	#26, similar copy F	9.25
259	#51a, one short crnr. perf. OG F	40.00
260	#65A 5m Reichspost F-VF	30.00
261	#66a 3pf full sheet w.error F	11.90
262	#77 OG bit off center F	22.50
263	Fed. Rpbk. 1949-56, 121 val. F-VF	23.00+
264	#B1-14 5 cpl. issues, OG F-VF	9.25
265	#B68 on reg. cover, no sh. mrgs. F	8.80
266	#B3 margs. slightly trimmed OG F	17.50
267	#B33 on reg. cover F-VF	17.50
268	#B33a-d OG VF	17.00
269	#B34-41, 2 sets on 2 covs. VF	13.85
270	#B38-43 OG F-VF	10.85
271	#B68 on reg. cover, no sh. mrgs. F	8.80
272	#B58, lightly can. VF	45.00
273	#B58, margins cut down, OG F-VF	45.00
274	#B58a-d, ea. on pce. F-VF	45.00
275	#B68 Ostropa OG F-VF	12.00
276	#B68 same w.spec. can. F	12.00
277	#B68 on reg. cover, no sh. mrgs. F	8.80
278	#C20-26 cpl. set OG VF	18.60
279	#C27-37 cpl. sets F-VF	11.00
280	#C36-38 Zeppelins, sm. faults, VG-F	13.75
281	#C37, crnr. sheet margin, OG, VF	12.00
282	#C38 on Zepp Flight cover VF	10.00+
283	#C38/39 F	22.00
284	#C40-42 Polar Flight, OG F-VF	62.50
285	#C41 North Pole Flight almost F	15.00
286	#C41 same on Picture card, VF	15.00
287	#C41/42 VG-F	45.00
288	#C42 F	30.00
289	#C42 on reg. cover F-VF	30.00+
290	#C42 nice cover, faulty stamp, VG-F	30.00
291	#C44/45 Chicago Flight, F-VF	10.00
292	Inselpost Mi. 10c F-VF	E 6.00



The above modestly cacheted first day mourning cover of the September 1, 1923 Harding stamp is from what is generally considered the first set of cacheted FDC's produced. George W. Linn, founder of Linn's Weekly Stamp News printed and serviced a limited number on that occasion 35 years ago. He thereby broke the ice on what has developed into an ocean of philatelic interest.

UNITED STATES (Continued from page 1)

Washington, D. C., Post Office Department employee, worked part-time for H. F. Coleman, a local stamp dealer who was located in the Second National Bank Building at 507 Seventh St., N. W. Hammelman decided that it would be historically interesting to have new stamps cancelled on the day of their issue. He thus attached the Victory stamp to envelopes (about 25 covers with singles, plus a few with blocks of four) addressed to Coleman and had them cancelled at the Washington, D. C., post office on March 3, 1919, the day of the stamp's release.

Hammelman continued to make first day covers of most of the new issues, sometimes as many as 200 of each. In 1936 he retired from the Post Office Department and came to New York City where he started the Pioneer Stamp Company at 116 Nassau St.—with a stock of about 100,000 first day covers.

The one person who probably gave first day cover collecting its biggest boost was Edward C. Worden, who ran a chemical laboratory in Millburn, N. J. Worden covered all the first days from 1920 to 1928 and in the cases of some issues, there would be no first day covers if it had not been for him.

Another early first day cover man was C. E. Nickles, of Washington, D. C., who under Hammelman's direction, started a regular cover service for collectors. Nickles, however, died in the early 30's after having serviced covers for only about ten years.

It is interesting to note that he had a full-page ad on page 2 of the 1926 International Exhibition catalog in which he offered both his cover service and FDC's beginning with 1922.

Just as most collectors did not seek first day cancellations, neither did the Post Office Department consider first days significant. In fact, it was not until 1920 that the date of issue of a new stamp was made public in advance. This occurred when the Pilgrim Tercentenary set and its day of issue (December 21, 1920) were announced.

In these early years, there was no difference between first day cancellations and those used every day. Occasionally, however, a stamp or set was issued at an exposition where a special postmark was in use, so first day covers were cancelled with these commemorative postmarks.

And in 1923, when the 12c Grover Cleveland stamp of the new regular series was issued on March 20, one of the first day cities was Boston, Mass. where a stamp exhibition was being held in the public library. Therefore, some first day covers cancelled in Boston bear the legend: PHILATELIC / EXHIBITION / BOSTON / PUBLIC LIBRARY / MARCH 19-24 / 1923.

Later, on October 18, 1926, the 2c Battle of White Plains commemorative was issued during the United States' second international stamp show, in New York City. A special post office station was operated therewith and first day covers cancelled on the premises reading: INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION STATION. This cancel is particularly interesting because it exists in two types (both with the same legend), one a regular machine cancel, and the other a circular hand cancel.

Up to July 13, 1937 the only way to determine if a cancelled cover was first day was to check the date. But when the 3c Ordinance of 1787 Sesquicentennial Commemorative came out on that date, there was an innovation that firmly established first day covers. The "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE" cancellation was first used when this stamp was released. It has been used for most subsequent first days.

Five weeks later, on August 18, at the time the 5c Virginia Dare stamp appeared, the special five-bar machine cancellation was first used.

For more than twenty years first day cancellations remained basically the same. Then, with the release of the Gardening-Horticulture on March 15, 1958 they finally took on a new look. Between the circle date stamp and the killer bars of the postmark (on both machines and hand cancellations) is an illustration pertinent to the stamp's subject.

Brussels Fair first day covers (April 17, 1958) have the official emblem of the Fair as part of the cancel. A view of the famed North Church in Boston is shown in the first day postmark of the 25c Paul Revere regular issued April 18, 1958. The Post Office Department has announced that "appropriate themes will be utilized for other forthcoming stamps."

Though the "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE" legend was not introduced until 1937, the Department had begun its new issue services for collectors several years earlier. The man who handled these arrangements for more first days than all other officials combined was Robert E. Fellers. He started this work in 1933 with the Peace Commemorative commemo and continued until his retirement in 1957 as Director of the

Division of Philately. His successor is Franklin R. Bruns, Jr.

Another indication of the growing interest in this phase of philately was the introduction by Leo August in 1930 of the first complete compilation of first day covers. He worked fourteen months and sent 2600 letters all over the country to assemble his data. The result was the U. S. Specialized Catalog of First Day Covers which is now in its 25th edition.

To today's first day cover collectors cachets and first day covers seem inseparable. But first day covers go back to 1847, while cachets do not step into the picture until 1923.

The first cacheted first day cover is said to have been the work of George W. Linn, of Linn's Weekly Stamp News. The occasion was the release on September 1, 1923 of the 2c Harding Memorial. Linn, then in Columbus, Ohio, took some black-bordered mourning envelopes (President Harding had died on August 2, 1923) and printed a simple cachet on them. The ones he used were of three different sizes, all of them smaller than the standard size. On the day of issue Linn

posted the covers from several different towns in the vicinity of Columbus.

Within a few years of this first venture other men began to produce cacheted envelopes for use on first days. Some names that stand out in this pioneering period are Milton C. Mauck, A. C. Roessler, Harry Ioor, and Leo August.

Roessler, who lived in East Orange, N. J. started in 1927, as did Mauck. His cachet usually was a replica of the new stamp's design with perforations bordering the illustration on all sides. His inscription was printed on the backs of the envelopes, most of which were addressed to him (sometimes as "Roe").

Dr. Harry Ioor, of Indianapolis, produced his first cacheted cover in 1929 for the George Rogers Clark issue. His designs usually had an illustration in black, surrounded by a border that was the color of the stamp. After Dr. Ioor's death, his sister, Travilla Ioor, continued to make the cachets, then married E. Milnor Peck of the Fleetwood Cover Service.

Leo August, who also had begun producing cachets in 1929, introduced the first Artcraft engraved covers when the New York World's Fair stamp appeared on April 1, 1939. The Artcraft trademark did not appear, however, on this or the three subsequent engraved cachets (for the Washington Inaugural, Baseball Centennial, and Panama Canal stamps). The palette and brushes were included for the first time on the cachet for the Printing Tercentenary issue.

The palette and brushes design originally had been the trademark of the engraving firm that prepared the cachets for August's firm, The Washington Press. In the early fall of 1939, when the cachets were being made for the Famous Americans series, it was decided to make the palette and brushes the official Artcraft trademark. At the time this decision was made, some cacheted envelopes without the trademark already had been printed for the Printing Tercentenary, 50th Anniversary of State, Pony Express and Pan-American Union

stamps. When more envelopes were needed the new trademark was added to the designs. Thus Artcraft envelopes for these four issues exist both with and without the trademark, those having it being second printings.

All Artcraft envelopes for the Famous American series have the trademark as do all those from the Idaho Statehood issue to date. The cachets always are printed in black, though some special additional printings have been made in other colors.

In the 30's as cacheted covers became popular among collectors, others joined the pioneers. In 1933 Anderson Historical cachets were first made for the Georgia Bicentennial issue.

Two years later, when the California-Pacific Exposition stamp was released, Captain W. G. Crosby introduced his photo-embossed covers. These featured a raised design and lettering surrounding a miniature photograph concerning the subject.

In 1937, Cachet-Craft made its first cover for the Constitutional Sesquicentennial issue. Others, such as Fulton, Smartcraft, and Captain Flugel followed. E. Milnor Peck produced his first Fleetwood cachet, in two colors, for the 1941 Vermont Tercentenary stamp. In 1947, for the Doctors issue, Peck introduced his engraved cachets, and since that time practically every cover he has put out has been engraved.

J. Robert Schmidt, a Louisville, Ky., pharmacist, brought out his first Artmaster cover for the Discharge Emblem stamp of 1946. Schmidt passed away early this year, but his family is carrying on the business.

Since its early days in the 1920's first day cover collecting has continued to flourish, and today it is one of the most popular phases of stamp collecting. Begun in the United States, it now has enthusiastic followers all over the world.

Things have changed a lot in the field since Joe Zix serviced his George Rogers Clark covers back in 1929, but it still has a peculiar attraction for collectors—an attraction that makes them collect millions of new first day covers every year.

SPECIAL EDITIONS

Various dealers might want to time some of their advertising to appear in conjunction with the special editions of Linn's Weekly Stamp News sponsored by different specialist groups. These editions are always the last one of each month and contain a splendid amount of information about the particular country or specialty.

The next four editions of a special nature are as follows:—

June 30 — Philatelic Literature Assn.

July 28 — Precancel Stamp Society.

August 25 — Luxembourg Philatelic Society.

September 29 — American Topical Assn.

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PRE-SUMMER SALE

ALGERIA		
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B91-93 @	.35	
ARGENTINA		
* 620 @	.10	
* 621 @	.18	
644 @	.15	
648 @	.15	
650 @	.12	
* 651-53 @	.40	
654-56 @	.20	
* 661-62 @	.15	
* 665 & C67 @	.06	
666 @	.10	
C63-65 @	.18	
C68-69 @	.15	
* C70 @	.06	
CB6 x @	.45	
AUSTRIA		
495 @	.05	
B225-34 @	.85	
BELGIUM		
* 354-55 @	.50	
* 448-49 @	.35	
Europa '56 SS		
Scarce (1) @	15.00	
B395-96 @	.28	
BRAZIL		
C76a SS @	1.50	
CAMBODIA		
1-17 @	20.00	
1-17 x @	7.75	
15-17 booklet @	13.50	
18-37 @	3.25	
38-52 @	8.50	
* 59-61 @	.50	
62-64 @	.40	
B1-4 @	6.00	
B5-7 @	.90	
C1-9 @	3.00	
C10-14 @	3.25	
C10-14 SS @	4.50	
J1-5 @	.30	
King (3) @	.38	
CEYLON		
* 304-06 @	.35	
CHINA (Formosa)		
1109-10 x @	.16	
* 1140-42 @	.60	
* 1157-62 @	.20	
1168-70 @	.20	
1171-73 @	.20	
* 1174-76 @	.20	
COOK ISLANDS		
116-24 @	1.75	
CURACAO		
* IGY (1) @	.13	
* Birds (4) @	.40	
CZECHOSLOVAKIA		
235 @	.06	
243-45 @	.15	
246-48 @	.15	
253-54 @	.18	

COMPARE & SAVE

PRICED TO SELL

B144-46 @	.25
B150-51 @	.25
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	
* 461 & C90 @	.35
* 479-83 & C100-2 @	.75
* Same SS (4) @	8.00
* 484-88 & C103-5	
Triangles @	.80
* Same SS (4) @	4.00
EGYPT	
* 265 @	.07
* 266 @	.08
270 @	.08
284 @	.07
* 317 @	.12
* 318-21 @	.27
* 373-74 @	.35
375-77 @	.35
* 378-79 @	.28
381-83 @	.35
* 387 @	.20
* 393 @	.45
* 394 @	.06
Aviation (2) @	.12
Afro-Asian (3) @	.20
UAR (2) @	.13
* B16 @	.10
B17 Eye (1) @	.08
C39-50 @	2.00
* N37 @	.75
FRANCE	
* 355 @	.20
* 381 @	.05
* 382-A @	.22
383 @	.20
386 @	.12
427-51 @	.55
* 679 @	.40
* 741 @	.20
826-30 @	.35
B149a @	.45
B266 @	.18
FRENCH MOROCCO	
341-343 @	.50
346-348 @	.25
B38-41 @	.22
C54-56 @	.35
CB29-30 @	.45
CB31-34 @	.45
CB35 @	.20
GERMANY	
10N120-36 @	.30
* 10N148-50 x @	.15
10N151-54 x @	.12
10N243a SS @	.25
10N255-57 @	.30
HUNGARY	
* 1160-67 @	.70
B211-16 @	.65
C167 @	3.00
ITALIAN SOMALILAND	
* 198-204 & E10-11 @	1.50
213-15 & C52-53 @	.55
* C40-45 @	1.50

LAOS		
1-17 @	2.50	
18-22 @	.20	
23-24 @	.35	
25-26 & C13 @	16.50	
27-29 & C20-21 @	6.25	
* 30-33 & C22-23 @	3.00	
34-36 & C24-26 @	1.25	
B1-3 @	.35	
C1-4 @	1.75	
C5-6 @	1.90	
C7-12 @	4.00	
C14-19 @	1.85	
C27-30 @	1.30	
Elephants (7) @	.60	
Complete Country		
87 values @	42.50	
LEBANON		
C193-96 @	.85	
LIECHTENSTEIN		
* Brussels (2) @	.30	
LIBERIA		
332-37 & C68-69 SS @	2.75	
* C99 SS @	2.75	
MEXICO		
* 792-95 & C143-47 @	6.50	
MONACO		
333 @	.70	
* 353 @	.25	
354-59 short @	.35	
* 363-64 @	.25	
* 365 @	.45	
391-99 @	.85	
B85-90 @	.65	
CB1-5 @	.28	
NORWAY		
* 351-52 @	.65	
* 353-55 @	.32	
PHILIPPINES		
* 578-79 @	.18	
* 610-12 @	.65	
C70 @	.55	
POLAND		
539 x SS @	.65	
* 660-63 @	.75	
* 744-45 @	.12	
* 750-55 @	.60	
* 756 @	.13	
* 758-60 @	.15	
* 768-68 @	.15	
* 769-75 @	.60	
* 776-77 @	.20	
* 778-79 @	.25	
789 @	.06	
790 @	.15	
791 @	.05	
* CB1 @	.70	
* CB1 complete sheet		
of 12 @	10.00	
* CB1 SS @	1.25	
* 1K33-36 @	.55	
PORTUGAL		
Brussels (2) @	.22	
ST. LUCIA		
135-45 @	.90	

ST. VINCENT		
180-84 @	.25	
SAAR		
260 @	.10	
285 @	.06	
288 @	.06	
B108 @	.15	
B111-13 @	.25	
SIERRA LEONE		
179 @	.45	
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Day '57 12v. @	.15	
SPANISH MOROCCO		
383-385 @	.30	
RA1a-3a SS @	.60	
SURINAME		
* 253-63 SS @	1.10	
SYRIA		
UAR (2) @	.15	
C187-90 @	1.00	
CB5-8 @	1.25	
TOGO		
301-308 @	1.20	
332 @	.35	
TONGA		
82-86 x @	.55	
TUNISIA		
* 208-9 & C13 @	.65	
* 258 @	.25	
294-95 @	.25	
296-301 @	.55	
308-11 @	.40	
B74-77 @	.25	
B85 @	.15	
B91-95 @	.25	
* B123 @	.22	
B125 @	.13	
TURKEY		
* 1130-33 @	.60	
RA199-206 Scarce @	6.50	
VIET-NAM		
1-13 @	18.50	
1-13 x @	6.00	
Booklet 1st set @	22.50	
* 14-16 x @	.85	
* 17 @	.70	
* 18 @	.95	
18 x @	.35	
19 @	.75	
20-23 @	2.85	
20-23 x @	1.50	
20-26 @	60.00	
* 27-27 x @	.35	
30-35 @	6.25	
39-50 @	4.25	
51-53 @	.35	
54 @	1.00	
55-58 @	.40	
* 59-62 @	1.40	
* 63-67 @	.15	
* 68-72 @	.25	
73-78 @	.50	
B1 @	1.75	
B2 @	.25	

C1-4 @	1.00
C1-4 x @	1.00
C5-9 @	1.00
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1165-67 @	40.00
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Cuba C169-71 @	.10
Dominican Republic	
B1-5 & CB1-3 @	1.15
469-70 & C95 @	.30
Finland 281-82 @	.25
France C28 @	.08
India 253 @	.30
Italy 718-19 @	.30
Jugoslavia 375-77 x @	.30
Korea 221-22 @	.40
243-44 @	.40
Liberia 338-40 & C70 @	.35
Libia 173-74 @	.25
Luxembourg 306-9 @	1.15
Nepal 89 @	.65
Panama U.N. set (4) @	6.50
Philippines	
522-24 & C87 @	1.25
572-74 @	.65
626 @	.08
Poland 746-48 @	.45
746-48 x @	.45
761-63 @	.45
763 SS @	3.00
Siam 291 @	.85
320 @	.85
Syria 401-2 & C200-1 @	1.50
C169-72 @	1.50
Turkey 1171-74 @	.65
PACKETS	
Cambodia 50 diff. @	6.00
Laos 25 diff. @	1.00
Monaco 150 diff. @	3.50
Poland 150 diff. Post-War (mostly Commemoratives)	3.50
Viet-Nam 50 diff. @	4.00
Viet-Nam 75 diff. @	8.00

ANNUAL MINT VARIETY SALE

U. S. COMMEMS

1907 JAMESTOWN

	Pl.	Bk.	Sgl.
1c Green	2.25	.65	
2c Carmine	2.65	.65	
3c Blue	21.50	5.25	

1909 COMMEMS

1c Lincoln	1.85	.40	
2c Alaska	3.00	.70	
3c Hudson	2.75	.60	

1919 VICTORY

1c Violet	5.25	1.00	
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1920 PILGRIMS

1c Green	1.40	.32	
2c Carmine	2.75	.60	
3c Blue	4.75	.80	

1923 HARDING

1c Black	1.85	.38	
2c Black Imp.	11.50	3.80	
3c Black "10"	17.50	6.00	1.45

1924 WALLONS

1c Green	1.45	.35	
2c Carmine	1.75	.45	
3c Blue	14.50	3.75	

1925 LEXINGTON

1c Green	1.15	.30	
2c Carmine	2.65	.65	
3c Blue	7.50	1.85	

1925 NORSE

1c Car. & Black	2.50	.60	
2c Blue-Black	12.50	3.00	

1925-31 COMMEMS

1c Besqui	4.65	1.10	.30
2c Erickson	13.50	4.00	1.00
3c Vermont	2.65	.75	.18
4c Burgoyne	4.65	1.75	.42
5c V. Forge	1.90	.55	.14
6c M. Pitcher	3.75	.70	.17
7c Hawaii	18.50	6.00	1.50
8c Hawaii	1.50	.65	.16
9c Aero	2.45	.60	.15
10c Clark	1.50	.55	.15
11c Edison	3.00	.85	.15
12c Edison R.	2.50	.32	.08
13c Wayne	3.00	.75	.18
14c Ohio	2.35	.42	.11
15c Mass.	2.50	.32	.08
16c Charleston	4.00	.55	.11
17c Bradstock	3.00	.45	.11
18c St. Paul	1.65	.27	.07
19c Red Cross	.70	.24	.06
20c Yorktown	.50	.28	.07

1932 BICENTS.

1c Brown	.26	.10	.03
2c Green	.28	.17	.05
3c Brown	.30	.16	.04
4c Purple	.95	.45	.11
5c Brown	.95	.35	.09
6c Blue	1.75	1.10	.30
7c Orange	4.25	1.60	.40
8c Olive	4.00	1.20	.30
9c Red	3.95	1.65	.40
10c Yellow	11.50	4.25	1.10
11c Kansas comp. set	16.00		
12c Nebraska comp. set	18.50		
13c 1c-10c comp. set	6.50		

1932-34 COMMEMS

1c Olympic	.90	.24	.06
2c Arbor Day	.85	.23	.06
3c Olympic	1.35	.45	.11
4c Olympic	2.35	.60	.15
5c Penn.	2.25	.32	.08
6c Webster	3.15	.45	.11
7c Oglethorpe	2.10	.45	.11
8c Newburgh	.65	.20	.05
9c Chicago	.40	.15	.04
10c Chicago	.45	.20	.05
11c NRA	.40	.23	.06
12c Byrd	2.50	1.10	.24
13c Koculski	2.45	.55	.14
14c Maryland	1.20	.30	.08
15c Mothers R.	.29	.20	.05
16c Mothers F.	.65	.30	.08
17c Wisconsin	.65	.30	.08

1940 PARKS

1c Green	.22	.11	.03
2c Carmine	.22	.17	.05
3c Purple	.60	.30	.08
4c Brown	1.05	.36	.09
5c Blue	.95	.55	.14
6c Indigo	2.00	.95	.24
7c Blue	2.00	.75	.19
8c Green	.75	.30	.08
9c Red	2.65	1.10	.28
10c Gray	4.65	1.90	.45

1935-36 COMMEMS

1c Conn.	.35	.23	.06
2c S. Diego	.37	.23	.06
3c Boulder Dam	.50	.24	.06
4c Michigan	.35	.23	.06
5c Texas	.30	.23	.06
6c R. Island	.38	.24	.06
7c Arkansas	.30	.23	.06
8c Oregon	.30	.23	.06
9c S. Anthony	.23	.19	.05

1936 ARMY

1c Green	.14	.09	.03
2c Red	.22	.18	.05
3c Purple	.28	.22	.06
4c Gray	.90	.30	.08
5c Blue	.75	.36	.09

1936 NAVY

1c Green	.14	.09	.03
2c Red	.20	.16	.05
3c Purple	.28	.22	.06
4c Gray	.75	.30	.08
5c Blue	.85	.36	.09

1937-38 COMMEMS

1c Ordinance	.30	.24	.06
2c V. Dare	1.45	.50	.12
3c Const.	.30	.23	.06
4c Hawaii	.35	.28	.07
5c Alaska	.35	.30	.08
6c P. Rico	.32	.28	.07
7c V. Islands	.35	.28	.07
8c Ratif.	.80	.45	.11
9c Delaware	1.00	.35	.09
10c W. West (2nd)	2.25	.40	.10
11c G. G.	.85	.36	.09
12c G. N. Y. Fair	.49	.24	.06
13c Inaug.	1.10	.48	.12
14c Baseball	.80	.35	.09
15c C. Zone	1.05	.45	.11
16c Printing	.37	.27	.07
17c Statehood	.38	.27	.07

1940 F. AMER.

1c Irving	.20	.11	.03
2c Cooper	.30	.19	.05
3c Emerson	.30	.19	.05
4c Alcott	1.00	.40	.10
5c Clemens	7.75	2.00	.50
6c Whitte	.33	.27	.07
7c Lowell	.32	.27	.07
8c Whitman	.70	.40	.10
9c Riley	7.75	3.90	.95
10c Mann	.32	.18	.05
11c Hopkins	.32	.24	.06
12c Willard	.75	.68	.17
13c Willard	1.45	.50	.13

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1940 COMMEMS

1c Pony Exp.	1.70	.85	.21
2c Pan Amer.	1.55	.75	.19
3c Idaho	.75	.35	.09
4c Wyoming	.85	.35	.09
5c Colorado	.85	.35	.09
6c Defense	.19	.07	.02
7c Defense	.55	.23	.06
8c Emancipation	1.35	.40	.10
9c Vermont	.75	.35	.09
10c Kentucky	.50	.18	.05
11c Win the War	.20	.16	.04
12c W. Plains	3.35	.75	.19
13c U. Nations	.20	.12	.03
14c Freedoms	.25	.07	.02

1943 FLAGS

1c Poland	1.50	.45	.11
2c Czech	.50	.32	.08
3c Norway	.40	.30	.07
4c Luxembourg	.40	.30	.07
5c Netherlands	.40	.30	.07
6c Belgium	.40	.30	.07
7c France	.50	.32	.08
8c Greece	1.00	.36	.09
9c Yugoslavia	.90	.35	.09
10c Albania	.90	.35	.09
11c Austria	.70	.34	.08
12c Denmark	.85	.35	.09
13c Korea	1.80	.45	.11

1944-47 COMMEMS

1c Railroad	.45	.21	.06
2c Steamship	.38	.20	.05
3c Telegraph	.39	.20	.05
4c Corridor	.75	.34	.08
5c Movie	.40	.20	.05
6c Florida	.29	.19	.05
7c Iwo Jima	.20	.18	.05
8c Roosevelt	.10	.06	.02
9c Roosevelt	.19	.15	.04
10c Roosevelt	.21	.17	.05
11c Roosevelt	.30	.26	.07
12c Army	.20	.18	.05
13c Navy	.20	.18	.05
14c C. Guard	.20	.18	.05
15c Al Smith	.21	.18	.05
16c Texas	.20	.18	.05
17c M. Marine	.20	.18	.05
18c Discharge	.21	.18	.05
19c Tennessee	.20	.18	.05
20c Iowa	.20	.18	.05
21c Smithsonian	.20	.18	.05
22c Watts	.20	.18	.05
23c Edison	.21	.18	.05
24c Pulitzer	.20	.18	.05
25c Centenary	.20	.18	.05
26c Doctor	.20	.18	.05
27c Utah	.20	.18	.05
28c Frigate	.20	.18	.05
29c Everglades	.20	.18	.05

1948 COMMEMS

1c Carver	.22	.18	.05
2c Calif.	.21	.18	.05
3c Miss.	.21	.18	.05
4c Chaplins	.21	.18	.05
5c Wisconsin	.21	.18	.05
6c Swedes	.40	.26	.07
7c Women	.22	.18	.05
8c White	.30	.20	.06
9c Canada	.22	.18	.05
10c Key	.22	.18	.05
11c Youth	.20	.18	.05
12c Oregon	.40	.24	.06
13c Stone	.90	.23	.06
14c Palomar	1.00	.24	.06
15c Barton	.28	.21	.06
16c Poultry	.26	.21	.06
17c G. Star	.26	.21	.06
18c Kearney	.25	.21	.06
19c Fireman	.35	.22	.06
20c Indian	.26	.21	.06
21c S. Riders	.35	.22	.06
22c Low	.23	.20	.06
23c Rogers	.40	.21	.06
24c Bliss	.40	.24	.06
25c Poppy	.26	.20	.06
26c Gettysburg	.30	.21	.06
27c Turner	.28	.21	.06
28c Harris	.40	.23	.06

1949-52 COMMEMS

1c Minnesota	.19	.17	.05
2c W. Lee	.19	.17	.05
3c P. Rico	.19	.17	.05
4c Annapolis	.19	.17	.05
5c G.A.R.	.19	.17	.05
6c Poe	.21	.18	.05
7c Bankers	.19	.17	.05
8c Gompers	.21	.18	.05
9c Frigate	.19	.17	.05
10c W. House	.19	.17	.05
11c S. Court	.19	.17	.05
12c Capitol	.19	.17	.05
13c C. Jones	.19	.17	.05
14c Kansas	.19	.17	.05
15c B. Scout	.19	.17	.05
16c Indiana	.19	.17	.05
17c Calif.	.19	.17	.05
18c Confed.	.19	.17	.05
19c Nevada	.19	.17	.05
20c Detroit	.19	.17	.05
21c Colorado	.19	.17	.05
22c Chemical	.19	.17	.05
23c Brooklyn	.19	.17	.05
24c B. Ross	.19	.17	.05
25c 4-H Clubs	.19	.17	.05
26c BO RR	.19	.17	.05
27c A.A.A.	.19	.17	.05
28c Nato	.19	.17	.05
29c Coulee	.19	.17	.05
30c Lafayette	.19	.17	.05
31c Rushmore	.19	.17	.05
32c Engineers	.19	.17	.05
33c Ser. Women	.19	.17	.05
34c Bible	.19	.17	.05
35c Newsboy	.19	.17	.05
36c Red Cross	.19	.17	.05

1953-56 COMMEMS

1c N. Guard	.18	.16	.04
2c Ohio	.42	.20	.05
3c Wash.	.18	.16	.04
4c Louisiana	.18	.16	.04
5c Perry	.40	.32	.08
6c Bar. Assn.	.18	.16	.04

U. S. COMMEMS

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World Philatelic News Reel

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Brunei Mosque Trio

Three values, recess printed, have been ordered from Bradbury Wilkinson and Co. Ltd. to mark the opening of the Brunei mosque. The design shows the mosque and an inset portrait of the Sultan. Printing is black and a second color as follows: 8c dark green; 15c carmine; 35c purple.

Kenya Marks Lake Discovery

For the centenary of the 1858 discovery of Lakes Victoria and Tanganyika by Burton and Speke, the East African Posts and Telecommunications Administration has ordered two commemoratives displaying a map showing the lakes, and the portrait of the Queen. Printed by Waterlow and Sons Ltd., the values are 40c light blue and green and 1/30c green and purple.

UNO 8c

The new UNO 8c definitive will be released June 2. Recess printing is by Bradbury Wilkinson and Co., and 5 million copies have been ordered in "UN blue".

East German Details.

Dates and values of the East German new issues program for the rest of this year are announced as:

May 14: National Peoples' Army—5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 40 pfennigs; May 23: Agricultural Exhibition, Markkleeberg—5, 10, 20pf.; June 19: Charles Darwin and Linnaeus—10, 20pf.; and June 25: National Memorials Reconstruction—5pf., 5pf., 10pf., 20pf., 20pf., 10pf., 30pf., 15pf.

Also July 10: Grand Prix of the DDR, horse race—5, 10, 20pf.; July 24: Accident prevention—5, 10, 20pf.; August 7: Comenius—10, 20pf.; August 29: Leipzig Autumn Fair—20, 25pf.; September 4: 400 years Schiller University, Jena—5, 20pf.

Further, September 12: Buchenwald Memorial opening—no value announced; October 9: Paintings (3rd issue)—5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40pf.; October 23: Stamp Day—20pf.; November 27: Native Birds—5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40pf.; December 10: Human Rights Day—20, 25pf.

Finally, unspecified dates: Brandenburg Gate Inauguration—5, 20pf.; New definitives—5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80pf.

Albania Honors Patroit

Four offset-printed stamps (1.50 Leke dark green; 2.50L. brown; 6L. blue; 8L. dark brown) were released April 15 with portrait of Luigi Gurakuqi in honor of the transportation of his body into his native Albania. Gurakuqi (1879-1925) was influential in the development of Albanian literature among the Gegë tribes.

Belgian UNO Set Restricted

The UNO set which Belgium released for "use" at the UNO Pavilion in the Brussels Fair was sold only in indivisible units at 100fr. per set (U. S. \$2 until May 15). Thereafter it was placed on sale at the Pavilion and at UNO Headquarters, N. Y. if the full quantity has not been subscribed in advance. The four low values are on free general sale at the UNO pavilion.

Jugoslavs Issue Bird Set

On May 25 the Yugoslav P. O. released a photogravure printed set showing various game birds, produced by Courvoisier S A from designs by Mate Zlamalik. Designs and values are: 10 dinar Mallard; 15d. Capercaillie; 20d. Pheasant; 25d. Coot; 30d. Water Rail; 35d. Bustard; 50d. Mountain Partridge; 70d. Woodcock; 100d. Crane.

Editions of the two low values are 2,600,000 dwindling to 100,000 of the 100d. item. The stamps are printed in two to four colors each, in sheets of 25 (top three values only) and 100.

For Red Cross Week (May 5) the design of the 15d. UNO stamp of 1953 was adapted. It shows a portion of a fresco in the Sopotane Monastery and a girl with a pitcher of water. The new value is 2d. Printing is by photogravure on unwatermarked paper, with 4 million copies being released. Another 1,200,000 are being overprinted "Porto" as postage dues for letters which have missed the compulsory 2d. tax in the May 4-10 period.

Three More For the Netherlands

New stamps in the Queen Juliana issue in values of 37c (inland registered letter), 62c (express delivery) and 80c are in preparation. The current 3, 5, 7 and 40c adhesives are being withdrawn as there is no longer any use for them.

Poland Mushroom Set

Following the Czech example, Poland is to issue a set featuring mushrooms and toadstools, from designs by Cz. Borowczyk. Details are not yet fixed, but the stamps will show five different species and will be printed in multicolor photogravure.

Two Rumanians

April 5 was release date of a single pink 1.75 Lei commem for the World Youth Fencing Championship, Bucharest. Photogravure printed from a design by V. Girescu, it shows a fencer extending his arm. The protective mask over his face is drawn to resemble the network of global meridians.

On April 16, a red brown and green adhesive designed by the same artist was issued for the 25th anniversary of "activity of sports-physicians". It is a 1.20L., also gravure printed.

Dominican Republic Correction

The additional values in the Mahogany Tree Flower set are exactly identical to the preceding issue in design, but are colored red and violet (4c) and brown and orange (25c—not 24c are erroneously reported last issue).

A 1c red brown and red compulsory tax for anti-TB work was issued in April: it shows a shield with a cross of Lorraine.

Iran Brussels Pair

A 2.50 dinars blue and light blue and 6d. red and salmon pink were released in April for the Iranian participation in the Brussels Fair. They show a "Brussels Star" against a wavy background.

Two more have been issued to note the inauguration of the railway line from Teheran to Tabriz. The 6 rials dull violet shows a train on a viaduct, the 8r. green brings a locomotive and a map of Iran with the line marked. Printing is in photogravure for both sets.

Morocco Set For Brussels, Too

Three stamps—15, 25 and 30fr.—are understood to have been printed in Paris showing the Moroccan Pavilion at the Brussels Fair. No details are available.

Czechs Alter Issue Plans

The revised new issue plan for the rest of the year is: May 28, Cultural-political events; 30h. Society for the Propagation of Scientific and Political Knowledge; 45h. 4th International Womens Congress; 60h. 1st Trade Union Conference of Young Workers.

Also, during May, 3 values for the Congress of the Czech Communist Party. Then, June, Postal Ministers Conference of the Peoples Democracies, 2 values; Czech spas, 6 values; August, Cultural Personalities, 5 values; September, Brno Stamp Show, 4 values; Brno Fair, 1 value; October,

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It is a compilation of towns that are most sought after by collectors of the state's precancels. Each collector is given a number, and these various numbers denote the relative scarcity of the precancel concerned.

Stamp collectors, precancels or otherwise, who may have any Pennsylvania precancels should obtain this list. It is available from David A. Johnson, 929 W. 24th St., Erie 4, Pa. at no cost. A 3c stamped addressed envelope would be appreciated, however.

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A pre-first day cover to end all pre-FDC's—not by one day or five, but by five years!—is the above June 30, 1958 strike on the July 12, 1943 Czechoslovakia "Flag" stamp. No fraud or deception was involved, nor was the collector concerned even interested in FDC's. The item was created when a postal official accommodated a "town cancel" collector with the strike of an office which the latter did not know had been long discontinued. (Cover, Bob Jones collection).

Pre-FD Covers; Story Of "Unauthorized Liberty 3c"

Woodrow Westholm

Millions of copies of the 3c regular series of 1954 have carried mail to all corners of the country in accordance with its designated purpose. Known as the "Liberty" issue, the item was to be released officially during first day ceremonies at Albany, N.Y. on June 24, 1954. First day cover enthusiasts recognize officially the 304,001 covers canceled on that date.

In the case of this stamp, however, we must take into account the few covers that were posted prior to the authorized first day use. These we might, for lack of a more descriptive adjective, designate as "Unauthorized Liberty" covers.

Mail received at Sioux City, Iowa from Storm Lake, Iowa, bearing this adhesive prior to its official release in Albany, N.Y. touched off an investigation by Postal Inspector Edward Lychuick of Fort Dodge, Iowa. These stamps were ordered removed from sale and the Storm Lake postmaster was ordered to make a complete report of the incident. The mistake was attributed to "human error".

Three examples of this "Unauthorized Liberty" cover were received by the writer, addressed by a collector friend who traveled. The first was postmarked in Storm Lake at 4:30 p. m. June 22; the second on June 23 at 1 p. m. in Carroll; and the third in Boone on June 24 (the day of issue in Albany) at 11 a. m. We believe the inspector was right in attributing the incident to "human error" since we know how it was triggered.

The collector, as was his habit whenever he visited a post office, asked for the privilege of purchasing any loose blocks of four available. He found that the Storm Lake postmaster did not have many laid aside but that he did have some panes of otherwise infrequently available issues. He agreed to sell the pane number blocks from these if the collector would take the entire double row of 20.

During this process one of the 3c Liberty panes was mistakenly treated in the same manner. Thus, this collector acquired 20 of the issue as a routine purchase and was able to affix them to the covers described above.

He did not, however, direct any covers to Sioux City, and since some were received there, it appears that the postmaster continued to sell from this sheet to regular stamp purchasers.

Further Details On Earlier Reported Consortium Scheme To Corner Japanese Stamps

Robert M. Spaulding, Jr.

Russell Court has brought to our attention a letter published in Linn's Weekly Stamp News (November 11, 1957) from an anonymous "subscriber" quoting another unidentified individual, described only as "one of my philatelic friends in Europe, a former editor of a major philatelic publication". The unnamed friend in turn had been told by still a third anonymous source (apparently in Japan) that "insurance companies have formed a consortium to buy up newly issued Japanese special issues in huge quantities and store them as an investment."

"They can do this without risk, because (1) stamp printings will remain small, and (2) the stamps remain valid for postage. . . . Among those participating in this venture are also a few large American stamp companies. . . . It is possible that the same companies who had large amounts of money invested in Israeli stamps have realized the profit from the Israeli speculation and are free now to invest it elsewhere while getting in good at the start."

"The situation will be that the stamp collector will be able to get his needs from the Japanese Postal Administration only with difficulties and then will have to buy at well-marked up prices from these dealers."

We discussed this report in Tokyo with some influential Japanese collectors and dealers. All of them expressed astonishment and disbelief, and assured us they had heard no such rumor and considered it implausible. While anything is possible, now or later, it does seem to us that the rumor reported by Linn's overlooks some facts which tend to discredit it:

1. The Japanese Government always announces (in advance) the quantities of issue for all new stamps. The Israeli Government never makes such announcements, and the fact that Israeli stamp quantities are a closely guarded secret is widely recognized as one of the chief reasons why there has been so much manipulation of the market for Israeli stamps.

2. The standard quantity of issue of Japanese commemorative stamps has been more than tripled

in the past three years, as a result of public demand. The Ministry raised it from 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 in 1955, to 8,000,000 in 1957, and plans to raise it to 10,000,000 this year. While a few issues have been released in smaller quantities, the overall trend is upward.

3. Though just as capable of arbitrary action as any other postal administration, the Japanese Ministry of Postal Services has demonstrated on several occasions its willingness to increase printing quantities when there is clear evidence of a larger-than-normal demand by the general public, as for the recent Harunobu Philatelic Week stamp.

4. Without considerable help from some high-placed government official (this we doubt such a consortium could obtain), we do not see how any person or organization could buy large enough quantities of a single Japanese stamp to manipulate the market. No one post office, not even Tokyo Central, receives quantities that large, and even buying at a dozen large offices would not enable one to garner more than a minute fraction of the total.

Any attempt to buy such quantities from the Philatelic Agency would come immediately to the attention of the Ministry, because the Agency's normal volume of sales (and quantity in stock) is fairly stable.

5. Although the Japanese quantities of issue may be small by comparison with those of some other countries, they do not appear to be small in com-

parison with the demand. Nearly every Japanese stamp of recent years can still be obtained easily in sizeable quantities, either at face (the Agency has some issues going back to 1947) or at low prices.

The few exceptions, such as the Fifth Athletic Meet stamps, are still inexpensive by comparison with the sensationally manipulated Israeli issues the Linn's correspondent discusses.

6. The Japanese Government attaches unusual importance to its stamp program as a means of commemorating historical events and publicizing current events, and gives unusually active and generous support (including financial support) to organized philately. It would be contrary to the Government's own objectives and interests to permit a consortium to corner the supply of Japanese new issues, and we are confident that the Government would not knowingly permit this.

So while there is always a possibility that someone is thinking of trying to corner the Japanese market, the facts suggest that any such effort has little chance of success under conditions existing now and likely to exist in the foreseeable future.

New Club Being Formed; To Meet In Euclid YMCA

Several collectors in the Euclid, Ohio area are working toward setting up a stamp club. Meetings will be held in the local YMCA.

Collectors interested in learning more of the project may write Robert Carlson, Euclid YMCA, 631 Babbitt Rd., Euclid, Ohio for details.

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102	#643, 645, 657, 681, 682, 683, 716, 717, 18 blks of 4) OG NH F	7.50
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114	#656 1 line pair Edison colls OG NH	4.00
115	#656 1 line pair Edison colls Good OG	4.00
116	#656 Strip of 4 with 1 pair Edison line colls OG NH F	7.50
117	#657 1 Pl. blk of 6 with Top Pl. #19785 OG NH F	5.00
118	#659 1 Pl. blk of 6 with Pl. #20168 OG NH F	8.50
119	#680 1 Pl. blk of 6 with Pl. #20284 OG NH F	6.50
120	#689 1 Pl. blk of 4 UL Pl. #20699 OG NH F	9.50
121	#699 1 Pl. blk of 4 UR Pl. #20730 OG NH F	7.00
122	#704-715 1 set Bi-Centennials OG VG-F	5.01
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141	#859-893 1 set Pl. blks of 4 Authors OG NH F-VF	17.50
142	#874-781 1 set Pl. blks of 4 Scientists OG NH F-VF	9.00
143	#889-892 1c to 10c Pl. blk Inventors OG Fine	7.25
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146	#901A 1 pair imperf. between	?
147	#909-921 1 set Flags OG NH F-VF	8.84
148	#909-921 1 set Flags blks of 4 F-VF	8.45
149	#909-921 1 set Flags blks of 4 F-VF	8.45
150	#909-921 1 set Flags blks of 4 F-VF	8.45
151	#909-921 1 set Flags blks of 4 F-VF	8.45
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Some Answers From

The First Days Question Box

Alan Warren

Just what is a first day cover? In the past two and a half years, many collectors have submitted to me for comment covers which do not meet the necessary requirements. Essentially, a first day cover is an envelope franked with a stamp canceled on the day it was released by the Post Office Department. However, certain additional requirements have been imposed over the years.

Before FDC's became significant to collectors and post office authorities, stamps were released simultaneously at cities throughout the country or were placed on sale in Washington, D. C. on the dates of issue. Today, stamps are released at one or more official cities, usually accompanied by special ceremonies. Therefore, a modern first day cover must be canceled on the date of the stamp's issue, at the designated city or cities.

In addition, covers since the 1937 Northwest Territory issue must be canceled with the "First Day of Issue" postmark or any other authorized cancel. Envelopes bearing new stamps canceled on their dates of issue, but in cities other than those specifically authorized, are not first day covers. They are oddities, not rarities.

A collector recently inquired whether he should collect addressed or unaddressed FDC's. This is primarily a matter of individual taste, but I personally find it difficult to accept anything that has been handed to post office officials for canceling and then handed back without ever having seen a mail carrier.

The purpose of collecting used postage and covers is to show that an item has traveled through the mails—has done its intended job. Somehow, covers that have no address and do not show the wear and tear of their supposed journey, appear artificial to me, even though they may look better than non-philatelic covers.

Of course, I recognize the economic fact of life that unaddressed specimens are worth more on the market than addressed ones. So if you collect your covers for investment, collect them unaddressed.

While on the subject of unaddressed covers, I may as well explain how dealers obtain them to sell to collectors and also how a New York dealer can get unaddressed covers of a stamp issued in a distant city without actually traveling there. Here's the story.

There is about a handful of people in the United States who make a business of servicing FDC's. They take dealers' orders for various cacheted envelopes with singles, pairs, blocks and plate blocks and then visit the first day city of a forthcoming issue.

Very early in the morning of the day of issue, they obtain from the post office the necessary number of new stamps and then hastily put them on the envelopes. The stamped covers are then taken to the post office during the day, handed to the clerks, canceled and returned to the servicers, who proceed to distribute them to the dealers.

The servicers handle not only unaddressed covers, but also those with addresses which dealers have them send directly to the customers. This is how a dealer can guarantee a plate block on a first day cover.

When a collector asks the host postmaster for such a cover, he is asking a favor. However, dealers who work through servicers can be sure of getting plate blocks because someone is at the post office to buy them.

I've been asked about the problem of fitting plate blocks on covers. In many cases, the blocks are so large that part of the cachets are hidden. And if you spend extra money for a cacheted envelope, you certainly want the cachet to be seen.

To prevent this from happening, many collectors cut off part of the selvage from the edges of the blocks or else bend the excess selvage around the edges of the envelopes so strips of about a quarter of an inch are adhering to the backs of the covers. Most professional FDC servicers, when up against the problem of oversized plate blocks, trim the selvage rather than fold it over.

To first day collectors, the cancellations are the important things about the envelopes, so cutting off part of the selvage does not reduce the value of the covers in any way. On the other hand, if they are part of a collection of plate blocks with first day cancels, then the blocks are

the important things and should be left intact.

And what about cachets? Should you collect only cacheted FDC's? In the past few decades, envelopes with designs that illustrate and explain the purpose of the new stamp have become very popular. These cacheted items certainly have an aesthetic appeal that ordinary envelopes do not have.

Today, it's standard procedure to collect only cacheted covers of new and recent issues, though one can't expect to find old FDC's so decorated. Again coming back to the investment problem, plain, uncacheted first day covers are worth considerably less on the market than cacheted ones.

First day cover collecting, just as any other branch of philately, can be pursued in as many different ways as there are collectors. Though there are certain standards, no one is forced to conform to them.

Each person can determine what type collection he will have. No matter what his preference is, there's no reason why he can't have as much fun as the next fellow.

(Editor's note: Since January 1956, Alan Warren has answered—and, occasionally, asked—questions about first day covers via his column in "First Days". Here he has answered some of the most frequently asked queries.)

Italian Set For New Constitution

Italy's present constitution went into effect January 1, 1948. Its Tenth Anniversary, therefore, fell on the first of this year. With typical Italian "deliberation", however, the set of three stamps to commemorate the "Decennale" was held up until May 9, "Tempus fugit"—but not the Italian Ministry of Posts!



P. Ostrow of Burlington, Vt. who describes the issue, reports that there are three bi-colored stamps in the set. The designs are the work of a new philatelic artist, "Marangoni". Each stamp is printed in a pane of 60 stamps and four "tabs".

The 25 Lire green and gold shows an open book surrounded by instruments of labor, industry and agriculture. The book is inscribed "Costituzione Italiana" (Italian Constitution) and the anniversary dates 1948 and 1958.

The 60L brown and ultramarine depicts the Tree of Freedom, with the inscription "X Annuale della Costituzione" (10th Anniversary of the Constitution). The 110L brown and olive brown features the facade of a building, presumably that in which the Constituent Convention met. The inscription is similar to that on the 60L stamp.

The Italian Constitution, written by delegates to a special Constituent Assembly, was adopted by vote of 452 to 62 on December 22, 1946. It was "promulgated" on December 27, 1947 and went into effect five days later, on New Year Day, 1948.

It is an interesting document. Unlike our own basic law, it has no preamble. Instead, it contains a statement of "fundamentals". The first of these states that "Italy is a Democratic Republic based on labor. Sovereignty belongs to the people". It goes on to enunciate such principles as:

"The Republic recognized for all people the right to work."

"All religious faiths are free under the law; the alien who is denied in his own country the effective exercise of the democratic freedoms provided for by the Italian Constitution has a right to asylum in the territory of the Italian Republic."

Under the Italian Constitution, the rights of minorities (such as

the Austrians in the Tyrol and the Yugoslavs in Trieste) are guaranteed. A republican, democratic form of government is prescribed, not only for the nation as a whole but for each of its political subdivisions. Thus is provided a guard against the establishment of a regional dictatorship which might then be extended to the rest of Italy.

Alone of all the provisions in the Constitution, the republican form of Government is beyond change. Other sections can be revised by referendum (upon petition of 500,000 citizens or five regional councils) or by an amendment passed twice by each Chamber of Parliament. (The second time must be after an interval of not less than three months and by an absolute majority vote of each Chamber).

Suffrage is universal, with one member of the Chamber of Deputies for each 80,000 citizens and one senator for every 200,000 (plus five senators appointed by the president, with life tenure, on the basis of their outstanding contributions to the nation).

Ex-presidents also sit, with life tenure, as senators. The Italian president, unlike our own, is not elected by direct vote, but by a two-thirds majority of Parliament.

Italy has demonstrated, by its Constitution, that she is through with adventures in dictatorship.

PTS Warns Against Transjordan Fakes

A warning against recent forgeries of certain Transjordan stamps has been issued by the Philatelic Traders' Society, Ltd., London, England.

The stamps involved are the Cairo printings of the definitive values 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, and 20 mils, and postage dues of 1, 2 and 10m., also the same 2m. regular and 2 and 10m. dues overprinted "PALESTINE". (Scott Nos. 199-200; 202-06; J36-38; N1; NJ8-9). All are in addition canceled with a faked postmark, apparently a line cut copy of a genuine Amman postmark, applied with printers' ink.

The fakes are on white paper somewhat rougher than the genuine adhesives. They are letterpress printed, and while correctly perforated (13 1/2) the holes are rough and not clean cut as on the authentic numbers.

In general appearance the forgeries are much less finished than are the originals, in addition to having the letterpress printing characteristics instead of the offset production aura of the genuine. They are believed to be of local manufacture, stated the Society.

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47-48	.30	.55	1.40	2.05	.30
49-50	.15	.30	.75	1.05	.17
51-52	.14	.30	.65	.95	.15
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55-56	.39	POR	POR	POR	.40
57-58	.15	.30	.75	1.00	.15
59-60	.14	.30	.75	1.00	.15
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Almost daily readers ask whether ye old sage, Julius, collects the issues of Ghana. Frankly I feel that any country can do what it wishes with its postal paper however, every collector can do what he or she wishes with his or her philatelic budget. I DO NOT collect the issues of Ghana nor will I take an International Adventure via mail to collectors in that land until I know the true position of Ghana's printed paper.

I have received many letters from Ghana asking for exchanges in stamps, books and newspapers, but why trade? The postage can be saved since, should a collector feel he can not live without these issues, he can obtain them right here in the USA.

The prices of Ghana material vary with the dealer, with the top gems being the FD covers. In fact, a cover which is just about a year old with a set of stamps having a face of a few dollars now goes as high as \$25. I hope this does not fool the average collector as here is a bit which may have escaped the American stamp collector. The March issue of one of Britain's top stamp journals had the following ad in large print, "GHANA, 2½d BLACK STAR LINE, IMPERF," complete sheet, offered in vert. strips at (each) £150." For my readers who are not familiar with the "pound" I say that this is about \$420 USA. Of course, since I do not collect Ghana material I did not send for details. NEED MORE BE SAID?

One organization which will interest readers is a group of patients of the government hospital in Jerusalem, Israel. Many of them occupy their time by issuing a publication called "The Short Reporter". The magazine is printed in English, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, and French. It lists stamp collectors throughout the world who desire to exchange on a worldwide basis.

There are over 26 representatives in such places as Aden, Singapore, Cyclades Isles, Andorra, Spanish Morocco, Malaya, and Formosa. These representatives recruit exchangers in their parts of the globe and the publication is put together in Israel. The interesting thing about this venture is that the editor plans a travel service which will try to have a meeting once per year (each year in a different country) for its readers.

The first is planned this year on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the State of Israel, to be held in Jerusalem. The editor has managed a travel bureau in Vienna for some time, and accordingly can aid in the meets.

Readers interested in seeing "The Short Reporter" will find it costs only a few cents per copy and will be a good way to aid the sick plus make some worldwide contacts. I suggest you send two international reply coupons via airmail to Erich Loeb, c/o Government Hospital, Givat

Bruns Guest Speaker At Long Island Dinner

Franklin R. Bruns, Jr., Director of the Post Office Department, Division of Philately, will be guest of honor and present the trophies to exhibition award winners at the Long Island Stamp Club's annual dinner June 3 at the Valley Stream Park Inn, Valley Stream, N. Y.

The John A. Meurer Memorial Award, presented annually in honor of the late noted postal stationery specialist who was a Long Island Stamp Club charter member, will go to Samuel L. Marquiss for his U. S. covers.

William Angelescu, Long Island Stamp Club's president, invites interested collectors to visit the June 10 and 24 meetings at the Morris Park Club, 123-08 Jamaica Ave., Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Officers Named By Brooklyn Philatelic Club

Recently elected to serve during 1958 are the following officers of the Brooklyn, N. Y. Philatelic Club: Louis Weissen, president; Marvin Hausman, vice president; Martin Spindel, executive secretary; and Gerald Davis, secretary.

Meetings are held on second and fourth Sunday afternoons at 2005 East 14th St. Brooklyn. Bus-

Shaul Beth, Jerusalem, Israel for a sample copy.

Readers may not be too familiar with the modern day balloon mail. Yes, although this is the period of the jet and rockets there are some 25 balloons in operation in various parts of the globe. One group which does much for the philatelic world is the Hague Balloon Club of Holland.

I can now report that 1958 is to be a big year for collectors of this material. The first balloon flight of philatelic importance will be that to the Brussels World Exhibition. Also, a race with 5 balloons will take off from Haarlem, Netherlands. Other flights for 1958 are planned for Turkey, Persia, Germany, Stockholm, London, Rome, Baghdad, and Southwest Africa.

Balloon covers of the Holland club have colorful cachets. Destinations are unknown in many cases and a top of 300 cards is carried on each flight. Of course, many trips have less than 300 cards. It is expected some 25 ascensions will be made this year.

Many of the cards are signed by the pilot and make truly interesting show pieces. I have some of these signed by John Boesman who is a top balloonist and president of the Netherlands Aeronautical Museum.

I must also mention that besides the flights the museum has an exhibition once a year and also publishes philatelic listings, catalogs, plus history on early zepp, balloon, and other historical flights. Readers interested in obtaining covers of this ancient means of transportation may send a reply coupon to John Boesman, President, Netherlands Aeronautical Museum, Rusthoekstraat 21, The Hague, Netherlands and request information on these interesting flights.

A philatelic section has been established under the Postal Exploitation Department, General Directorate of Greek Posts, Athens, Greece, the scope of which is to offer philatelic information, service and material to collectors throughout the world. I wish to quote from a letter I received from the office:

"The Philatelic Section will always be glad to offer any supplementary information or help collectors to contact Greek collectors for exchanges. A list is being compiled of world collectors desiring to be informed of new issues or new cancellations of first flights of aircraft leaving a Greek Aerodrome.

"The Section is in constant contact with Philatelic Societies in Greece and abroad, and with newspapers and periodicals of a philatelic nature in general. A reply to any requests of philatelic interest is at once given to collectors or philatelists in any part of the globe."

Naturally, inquirers should enclose reply postage in the form of reply coupons with their queries.

Readers who missed out on first day covers of Greenland's new May 2 Tuberculosis Fund stamp (Scott No. 32, overprinted with the Lorraine cross and a new value) are not yet completely out of luck. I may be in position to help at least some of you on this item, as one of our readers in Sweden promised to lend a hand in case the slow mails to Greenland caused trouble to U.S. collectors seeking FDC's on this item.

The next air tour of Sicily will

be June 21-22. For it a special envelope is being prepared by the Sicilian Philatelic Union and readers who have contacts in Italy should try to obtain this one.

The Ethiopian philatelic agency has a nice assortment of stamps on sale, but a minimum of \$15 USA is required for an order. The next stamps to be taken off sale will be the 1950 Red Cross and the 1951 Exhibition set.

The service does issue an official FD envelope and you may send a reply coupon for their listing to Director of Posts, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. A new airmail set will be issued shortly perhaps after the Ethiopian new year which is September 11.

Many readers write me about naval covers. Yes, they are indeed a very interesting portion of this section of our hobby deal with IGY since many ships are on the polar routes with mail to and from Arctic and Antarctic bases.

Readers who are interested in the latest in this field should send Jack R. Treutle, 154 South Water St., Keyser, W. Va. a 3c stamp and request a copy of the USCS "LOG" of April 1958. This issue tells all about the convention and exhibition to be held June 28-

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That's it for now—

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17-18	1.70	2.25	10.90	88.95	1.85
19-20	.65	2.95	4.10	34.95	.95
21-22	.85	2.95	4.10	34.95	.95
23-24	.85	2.95	5.50	47.50	1.10
25-26	.90	4.20	5.70	52.05	1.10
27-28	.85	3.95	5.65	47.75	1.10
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35-37	.95	4.45	6.10	47.75	1.10
38	15.75			15.75	10.95
39-40	.50	2.30	3.25	27.50	.75
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5N104	.15	.09
5N105	.08	.05
5N106	.22	
5N107	.15	.07
5N111	.22	.10
5N112	.15	.09
5N113/14	.22	.18
5N115	.22	.18
5N116/17	.25	
5N118/19	.22	.15
5N120/29	.44	
5N121	.15	.15
5N132	.34	.45
5N137	.37	.30
5N140/41	.18	.15
5N142	.12	.10
5N143	.12	.12
5N144	.12	.12
5N145/47	.28	.28
5N148/49	.15	.15
5N150	.12	.12
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5N152	.11	.11
5N153	.95	.11
5N154	1.95	1.95
5N155	.80	.80
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Official Comment On New Shilling Values

The Philatelic Traders' Society, Ltd., London, reports the receipt of a letter from the British Post Office authorities concerning the new De La Rue printings of the current high value British stamps which were printed by Waterlow and Sons Co. until January 1. Dated April 25, it follows:

"A press notice is about to be issued announcing that the high value stamps printed by Messrs. De La Rue are coming on sale... whilst the expert eye will detect some slight differences between the two printings, we could not expect our counter clerks to distinguish between them. We realize however that philatelists will not wish to pay 37/6 for a new set only to find that after all they were printed by Messrs. Waterlow.

"To get over the difficulty, the new stamps may be obtained by post from the Divisional Controller, L. P. R., E. C. and F. S. (C and T Section), London, EC 1, under the usual conditions; but of course as new printings become generally available we would expect dealers and others to buy their supplies in the usual way. The 2/6 value will not be available for several weeks yet, but the others will be in stock there next week.

"You will also be interested to know that owing to difficulties in obtaining supplies of the ink used for the 6d stamp, there will be a very slight change of color in new printings of this value. The change is so slight as to be almost imperceptible; the general effect is perhaps rather lighter than the present color. We are not making any public announcement.... The stamps will be coming on sale in the next few weeks as old stocks are sold off."

"Europa" Album By Washington Press

The recently announced White Ace Specialty Album "Europa" has just been released, according to the publishers, The Washington Press, Newark, N. J. The new-comer is designed especially for the 1956 and 1957 "Europa" issues of Belgium, France, Italy, West Germany, Saar, the Netherlands, and (1957 only) Switzerland.

The pages are on heavy stock, printed in two colors with suitable decorations and inscriptions. They have rounded corners and are punched for the usual three-ring binders.

The publishers suggest that the best time to start collecting the stamps of a country is when they are new, few and inexpensive. It is to encourage this trend that the firm is offering special pages for the present and other popular issues.

The set of 10 pages is priced at 75c; a descriptive sheet and full information about them are obtainable from The Washington Press, Newark 2, N. J.



MAJOR AUCTIONS

May 24—A. Coleman, 2264 Creston Ave., New York 53, U. S., UN, worldwide UN, Br., general fgn., airm.

May 27—Brooks Stamp Co., 2323 Ave. "C", Brooklyn 35, N. Y., U. S. stamps, covers, revenues; general fgn.

May 29—Revere Stamp Co., 145 Nassau St., New York 38, U. S. and general fgn., mint and used; lots.

May 31—Rainy Day Stamps, Box 342, Wellsville, N. Y. Precancels, general and rarities.

May 31—Academy Stamps, Inc., 1766 NW 7th St., Miami 35, Fla., U. S., Confederate, UN, Ryukyus, general.

June 2—Michael Bale, 41-High St., Ilfracombe, England, Israel, Palestine; mint used, covers.

June 2—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 6 W. 48th St., New York 36, "Caspary" sale 14: Latin America.

June 3—Pasadena Stamp Co., 419 S. Grand Oaks, Pasadena, Calif. U. S., Br. Empire, general fgn.

June 3—Edward Ruppert, 404 W. Auglatze St., Wapakoneta, Ohio, U. S., Belgian Colonies, various fgn.

June 3—Wilshire Stamp Co., 409 N. Larchmont Blvd., Los Angeles 4, Calif. U. S., Br. Empire, general fgn.

June 6—Billig & Rich, Inc., 55 W. 42nd St., New York 36, Br. Col., Austrian cancels, Germany, general.

June 9—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 6 W. 48th St., New York 36, "Rothschild" collection air post stamps and covers.

June 13—Academy Stamps, Inc., 522 Fifth Ave., New York 36, U. S. and general fgn., mint and used; lots.

June 14—Robert Stamp Co., Inc., Shirley, L. I., N. Y. Wide coverage on general fgn. issues.

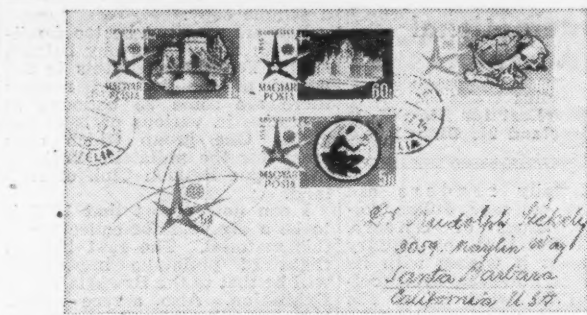
June 16—Matthew Bennett, 3628 Columbus Dr., Baltimore 15, Md., U. S., Canada, Newfoundland, general fgn.

June 16-18, 23-25—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 6 W. 48th St., New York 36, "Hurlock" collection of Barbados and Trinidad.

June 19—Academy Stamps, Inc., 1766 NW 7th St., Miami 35, Fla., U. S., UN, Confed., Vatican, Israel, fgn.

June 20-21—Hugh C. Barr, Inc., 38 Park Row, New York 38, U. S., fgn.; singles, sets, collections by countries.

June 27—Herman Herak, Jr., Shrub Oak, N. Y., U. S. Stamps and covers. Sale at Colby's, 505 5th Ave., N. Y. City, 7 p.m.



HUNGARY HAS EIGHT FOR FAIR. On April 17 Hungary issued a set of eight commemorative airmails as a philatelic tribute to its participation in the Worlds Fair at Brussels, Belgium. Each design is different and in two colors — shown are Hungarian and Fair motifs. Denominations are 20, 40, and 60 filler; 1, 1.40, 2, 3, and 5 Forints. The cover was submitted by Dr. Rudolph Szekely of Santa Barbara, Calif.

PLATE BLOCK THOUGHTS and COMMENTS

By: Morris X. Weiss
2806 W. Eastwood Ave.,
Chicago 25, Ill.

For a few years now, the first-class postage rate has been an issue cropping up in Congress perennially. The proposals have been to raise it from 3c to 4c an ounce on domestic mail. They have fallen through every year, but the issue cannot escape indefinitely.

As all commodities and services keep going up in price, it is inevitable that the postage rates go up as well. The postal clerks do merit a raise in salary and though they may have received some raises in the past the first-class postage rate has still been the same for about a quarter of a century.

Do not let the foregoing give you the impression that the subject of this article is the pros or cons of postal rate raises. The main fact to bring out is the realization that probably sooner than later the rates will increase. Most recently, a committee from members of the House and Senate seemed to come out with a rejection of a raise to 5c and approval of the 4c rate on first-class mail. To me it now appears that this measure should pass both Houses of Congress.

For us plate block collectors and dealers, this is now a matter of alerting ourselves to accept a new postage rate of 4c. Accordingly, the following items should be given serious consideration.

The new commemorative plate block will be of 16c face value. Many of us collectors, in a lifetime, had known of no other except the 3c plate block with a 12c face value. It would do well for us to adjust ourselves to the new rate before it comes, so that it does not create the unexpected additional hardships that we will fall heir to with this new 4c rate.

To the average person it means only one cent raise in mailing a letter; to the plate block collector it is something different altogether. In order to obtain a plate block, where you are normally obliged to buy a full sheet, it will now cost you \$2 instead of \$1.50. If the stamp comes 70 to a sheet, it will cost \$2.80 instead of \$2.10 as heretofore.

Should there be a commemorative issued in the small, 100-to-a-sheet size, you will have to shell out \$4 instead of \$3.

This is only the beginning, where you collect one plate block per issue. Now you see where that one penny difference in postal rates means a difference to the collector of 50c to \$1 where only one plate block is desired. Should you collect one plate number in four positions, the additional cost will be from \$2 to \$4.

Finally, if you are a specialist collecting all plate numbers in all positions, the average issue in recent years of four plate numbers, 16 positions, will now mean putting out anywhere from \$32 to \$64 to obtain one set of matched plate blocks in all positions.

On this basis you can readily see why, of all people, the plate block collectors could not too enthusiastically endorse a situation where a one penny difference can mean spending so many more dollars to maintain collections. The plate block dealer will sustain even greater financial outlays when called upon to supply many additional collectors with plate blocks, matched plates, and complete sets of all positions.

It is quite possible that once this change to a 4c rate becomes effective, many collectors may consider abandoning buying full sheets and perhaps relying more

on the services of dealers for their plate blocks and matched sets. Very likely the basic cost of a plate block of the new 4c item would rise about 5c. The current 3c plate block, now valued at 25c, would very likely go up to 30c for the 4c commemorative.

The second fact to consider is the surplus 3c stamps on hand, whether scrap, duplicate plate blocks or excess stock. You must give yourself enough time to dispose of all surplus threes you hold while the rate is still 3c per ounce.

If you will neglect to do so it is going to be mighty rough later. As proof of that you may have noticed that when the 1 1/2c Mt. Vernon came out, although two of them could easily have been used for 3c letter mail, dealers and collectors met with much difficulty in liquidating their surplus Mt. Vernons in any quantity.

Finally, this is a good time to take inventory, if you have not already done so, as to what issues you want to continue collecting seriously. Collectors at times do not put any limitations on their activities until they are overtaken by the excessive costs of keeping up.

This new rate will cost you more to maintain your current level. Therefore it would be well if you determine now just what you can continue collecting regularly for the pleasure you get from the plate number field.

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One of the interesting facets of cover collecting is that it often provides—even stimulates—research and discoveries, as author Bernard Ring explains. How his curiosity over the amazingly fast flight of the above cover led to official acknowledgement of a hitherto undisclosed philatelic practice of the Israeli Post Office Department is described below. A registered item, it is also first day and as such carries a date-and-hour strike on the face. Five various backstamps establish its route from the Middle East to New York City, and letters from the El Al Airlines and the Israeli government complete its "pedigree".

Collecting Is More Than Just Getting, Research Can Be Fun; Story Of One FDC From Israel

Bernard Ring

Once in a while we all notice something different about a piece of philatelic material and put it aside for later investigation. When we see it again the original interest usually is forgotten and the item becomes just another piece in our collection. Yet, there is a lot of fun in finding out just what makes it different. Sure it takes a little effort, but look what fun you have.

The illustration with this article shows a registered envelope I received from the Israel Ministry of Posts. One of the stamps on it is the Independence issued April 12, 1956. It is canceled on that date at Tel Aviv-Jaffo at 8:10 a. m. under registry number 0223.

Various of the five properly applied backstamps show that it passed through United States customs on April 13, the New York and Brooklyn main post offices the same day, and the Kensington station April 14. It was delivered to me at 9:30 a. m. April 14.

On the surface it appears to be a piece of mail canceled in Tel Aviv on April 12 that traveled roughly 7,000 miles, was handled numerous times and was received by me 48 hours later.

That is possible, but is it probable, even if we allow for seven hours time difference between Tel Aviv and New York, getting a total of 55 hours elapsed time? From this we must deduct 41 elapsed hours the flight takes under ideal conditions, leaving 14 hours for all the steps concerned with handling the mail.

Let's see what was involved by starting with the registry clerk who canceled the envelope, entered it in his records and sent it to the sorting table where it was put in the "U. S. A." pouch. Thence it went by truck to the airport at Lod, and was placed on the plane bound for New York.

When it reached New York, it was unloaded, carried to the mail shed at Idlewild Airport and taken by truck to the Customs

desk at the New York main post office. There it was checked for any import duty that might be due on it, and stamped and sent to the registry section for back-stamping.

The envelope was again passed to a sorting table from which it was sent to Brooklyn's main post office. Once more it was back-stamped, sorted and forwarded to the Kensington station. There it was duly entered in the registry records, sorted for carriers' routes and finally resorted by the delivering mailman who brought it to my home.

All that in 14 hours? I would hate to depend on that kind of service for an important letter or check from home!

When my curiosity had been originally aroused, I had put a note on the envelope. When I saw it again in May 1957, I wrote to the Israel Ministry of Posts and to El Al Airlines in Tel Aviv, asking that the movement of the letter be traced. Several months and a few more letters later, I received a reply from El Al Airlines dated September 18, 1957, from which I quote:

"We refer to your letter of May 24, 1957 and enclose herewith copy of the reply received from the Post Office dealing with the movement of the registered letter in question. Hoping this information meets with your requirements.

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The club meets at the St. Charles Hotel the second Tuesday of each month. Visitors are cordially invited. Further details of the club's activities may be obtained from the secretary at Box 9134, Metairie, La., or John A. Churella, Jr., 1700 Robert St., New Orleans 15, La.

Beaver County Society Elects For 27th Year

The Beaver County Philatelic Society of Beaver Falls, Pa. noted its 26th anniversary at the February meeting in the Broadhead Hotel, Beaver City. Officers elected for 1958 included Andrew B. Calhoun, president; Fred C. Parker, New Brighton, vice president, and Sara Hively, also of New Brighton, treasurer.

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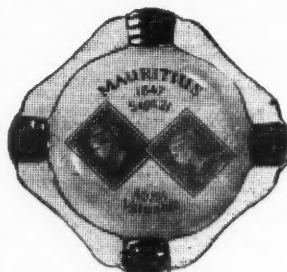
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In the fifteen numbers of "First Days" published thus far, there have been many features and articles on all phases of U. S. and foreign first day cover collecting, ranging from a listing of all

known U. S. first day cachets to a definitive study of Vatican City first day covers.

The list of AFDCS activities has grown along with the size of the society's magazine. A New Issue Information Service and an Exchange Department have been established. Attractive bicolored gummed labels with the society's seal have been printed for sale to members.

Local chapters have been organized in such cities as New York, Philadelphia, Detroit, Cleveland, and Seattle. Recently, the AFDCS was honored by being chosen to administer the Leo and Samuel August First Day Cover Award. It will be presented annually to a person who has made noteworthy contributions to the field of first day cover collecting.

The AFDCS held its first national convention in November 1956 at New York City's Collectors Club. Under the able direction of chairman Bernard Ring the event was an overwhelming success.

The 1957 convention also under Mr. Ring's direction was held in Newark, N. J. with the AFDCS local chapter as host. This coming August, the third annual convention will convene in Philadelphia at the National Philatelic Museum, where the society will sponsor the First International First Day Cover Exhibition.

In the comparatively short period since its founding, the American First Day Cover Society has done much to live up to its original aims, which were: to advance the collecting of U. S. and foreign first day covers by acquiring and disseminating information about first day covers, and by cultivating a feeling of mutual friendship among first day cover collectors.

Persons interested in obtaining further information about AFDCS are invited to write to the executive vice president, Bernard Ring, 283 E. Fifth St. Brooklyn 18, N. Y. for a membership prospectus and a sample copy of "First Days".

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- May 23-25—Rocky Mountain Philatelic Exhibition, Shirley-Savoy Hotel, Denver, Colo.
- May 23-25—Rochester Philatelic Assn. Museum of Arts and Sciences, Rochester, N. Y.
- May 24-25—Central Pa. Stamp Collectors Get-Together, St. Joseph Parish Hall, Johnstown, Pa. Johnstown Stamp Club, host.
- May 29-31—"ALPEX", Albuquerque Philatelic Society, Public Library, Albuquerque, N. M.
- May 30-June 1—Texas Philatelic Assn., Hilton Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas. Panther City Philatelic Society, host.
- May 31-June 1—Iowa Federation of Stamp Clubs, Sheraton-Martin Hotel, Sioux City, Iowa. Sioux City Stamp Club, host.
- June 2—"FLAMEX", Flatbush Philatelic Club, Beverly Road and E. 19th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
- June 3—New Haven Philatelic Society, 17 Broadway, New Haven, Conn.
- June 6-7—South Dakota Coin and Stamp Club, Sheraton-Johnson Hotel, Rapid City, S. D.
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- June 7—Malden Stamp Club Jamboree, Odd Fellows Bldg., Malden, Mass.
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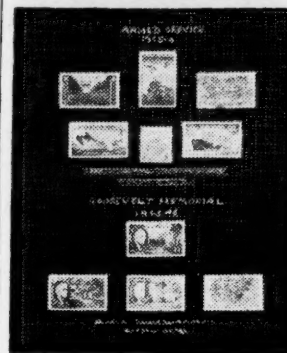
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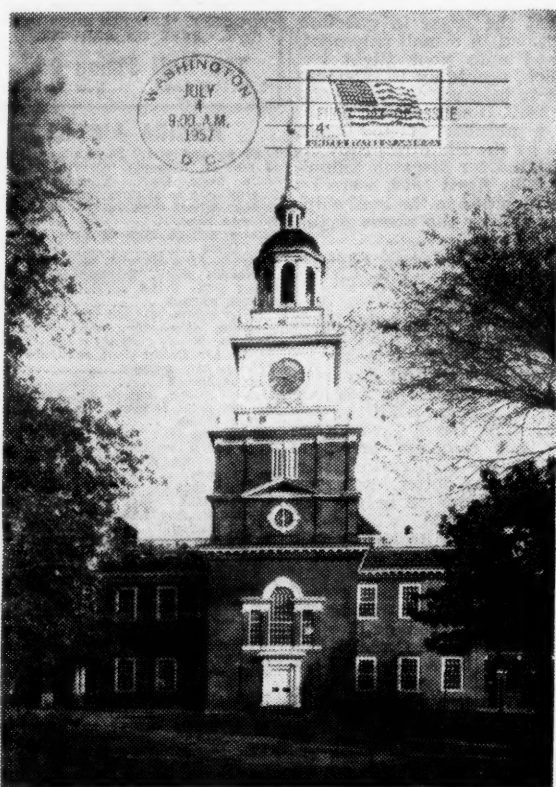
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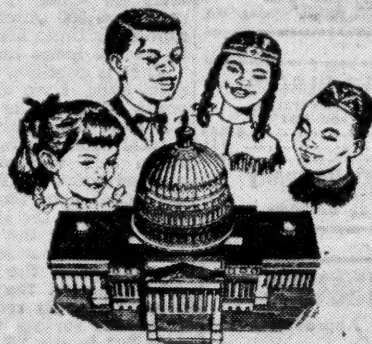
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THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER of the Scouts On Stamps Society celebrated its second anniversary with an exhibition and meeting at the New Brunswick, N. J. Scout Headquarters Bldg. recently. Among those present were, front row, beginning second from left end, Oscar Hengstler; John J. Juhasz, president; LeRoy W. Edwards, vice president; and Robert Shaw, secretary. SOS collectors in the New Brunswick area may write Mr. Shaw at 18 Maplewood Dr., Livingston, N. Y. for details of the group's activities. The photo was taken by Joachim Stimmel and submitted by Mr. Hengstler.

A Few Words On
Irish FDC Covers

John J. Clark

Since Ireland issued her first stamps in 1922 (British Overprints), the average collector may think it's easy to build an Irish cover collection. However, before he jumps to that conclusion, I would suggest that he try to obtain some FDC's of the 1922 issues.

Do you ever go to a stamp bourse or a national dealers' show and see piles of foreign first day covers up for sale? If so, try your luck searching for Irish covers and if you find one or two consider yourself mighty lucky.

Even today, many difficulties are encountered by the American collector in obtaining Irish first day covers. The Eire Department of Posts and Telegraph generally gives very short notice on new issues to be released. On several occasions, information on new issues was published in this country only a few days before the date of issue and in some cases not until afterwards.

It is almost an impossibility for the American collector to have an order in Ireland before the deadline as it takes about four days for airmail to reach Ireland.

To be frank, one must not expect to purchase Irish first day covers for a nickel or a dime each. The cost of postage to and from Ireland plus the possibility of orders not reaching Ireland in time, prohibits dealers from offering their covers at low prices. Considering these few facts alone, it can be readily understood why there are not many Irish cover collections exhibited.

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New Haven Club To Hold
Cup Competition June 3

The New Haven, Conn. Philatelic Society will hold its annual Cup Competition on Tuesday, June 3. It is expected that there will be at least 20 exhibits in the competition which is one of the highlights of the Society's season.

One of the oldest stamp clubs in the east, the New Haven Philatelic Society will begin its 44th year of activity in October. The group meets every Tuesday from 8 to 10 p. m. at 17 Broadway, New Haven. Visitors are always welcome.

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Harvey Dolin & Co., 31 Park Row, New York City has long been a factor in the first day cover field, with a large and extensive showing of many popular countries in addition to the U. S. The firm has recently added a lot of 50,000 FDC's, 1921 to date, including U. S., UN complete, and many other popular countries. Want list are solicited; inquiries answered promptly.

Collectors who responded to last week's classified ad of R. J. Sivigny, 202 90th Ave., N. E., Route 7, Anoka, Minn. are reminded that the town name was given incorrectly in the ad, so if the post office returned any items, they should be forwarded again. The address given here is correct. Mr. Sivigny offered Israel, Cambodia, Laos, Viet Nam, Saar, and France price lists.

June 1 will be release date of a new 48-page wholesale price list offered by H. Dreyfuss, Box 37, Sunnyvale, Calif. Dealers may ask for free copies, using their business letterheads. The list covers packets, collections, mint sets, collector-made collections, and a \$35,000 catalog value lot of used U. S. and foreign singles which is being broken up and offered attractively.

It's a new address for Claude Held, now of 1152 Kensington Ave., Buffalo 15, N. Y. Still in the same old city, he is in much larger and more convenient quarters. He has long specialized in popular issues of stamps, numismatic objects and supplies, and other items of collector interest. To all of these he has now added a line of books and magazines of interest to collectors.

Collectors of Americana and war material as well as the usual fraternity of cover collectors have long considered U. S. patriotics of the Civil War as prime subjects for their attention. A leading supplier of these rapidly disappearing covers is John G. Hughes, Box 1048, Salinas, Calif. He offers an 8-page brochure on them in return for 3c postage.

Collect UN? John D. Hayes, 15377 Kentucky Ave., Detroit 38, Mich. reports that he had a \$4 error in his May 19 ad. It is repeated this week with the correct price of \$35.95 for UN Nos. 12-62 complete, including #38. Further, he says that any who ordered at last week's incorrect price will be refunded the \$4 overcharge. He has several other good offers of mint and used.

There is a double-barreled offer from Max Kaplan, Box 1155, Hollis 23, N. Y. First, he has just issued a price list offering the latest supplements for all the well-known albums. It is free for the asking. Further, any who mention Linn's when writing may purchase for just \$1 a plate block of the 4c Flag and one of the 8c Magsaysay. Limit, one set per customer.

It takes a veteran first day cover collector to remember when L. P. Miller, Box 733, Scranton, Pa. began his Cover Exchange firm which includes the annual "Cover Guide" pamphlet, in 1938. This lists all FDC's chronologically, so that no here-and-there hunting is needed to find an item. Mr. Miller now offers a 20th anniversary list of 1938 FDC's free on request.

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The first section (A-K) of the Michel Briefmarken Katalog 1958/59 has just been released by the publishers in Munich, Germany. It is available in this country from Jacob Habib, 154 Nassau St., New York 38, N. Y. at \$6 per copy, postpaid. The second section (L-Z) is scheduled for release in November.

The new offering is in the usual 6 x 8 1/2 size, hard binding with green covers. The 906 pages give the usual Michel style listings of the countries covered. They are well illustrated with halftones of the stamps and line cuts of various overprints and other matter.

The work is printed in German, but much of its information can be understood by persons not acquainted with the language, thanks to the style of presentation and to the elaborate German-English - French - Spanish-Portuguese parallel listing of philatelic terms in the front of the book. Specialists in European countries will find in it various interesting details which are not included in the popular American catalogs.

Precancel Firm Makes
Offer Of Free Checklists

Richard J. Coda, Sr., publisher of the Gunesch-Coda Standard Catalog of United States Bureau Issue Precancels has just issued a series of four checklists for Bureau Issue precancels.

These lists follow the page color format of the Gunesch-Coda Catalog. White paper is used for the Large Old Style issues, canary for the Small Old Style, goldenrod for the Presidential series, and blue for the Defense-War emissions.

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& Co., P. O. Box 4084, Normandy Branch, Miami Beach, Fla. specialists in U. S. issues in plate blocks and full panes, will be closed from June 10 until early September. Mr. and Mrs. Simmick plan to visit the Brussels Fair and Europe. Upon their return the firm's new 1958 price list No. 2 will be published and mailed to all customers.

The annual catalog of philatelic and numismatic supplies offered by M. Mehlig & Sons is now available to collectors in these fields. With offices in both New York (239 4th Ave.) and Los Angeles (425 S. Western Ave.) the firm is able to make fast delivery to any point in the country. Collectors may write either office about obtaining copies of the 110-page, well illustrated booklet.

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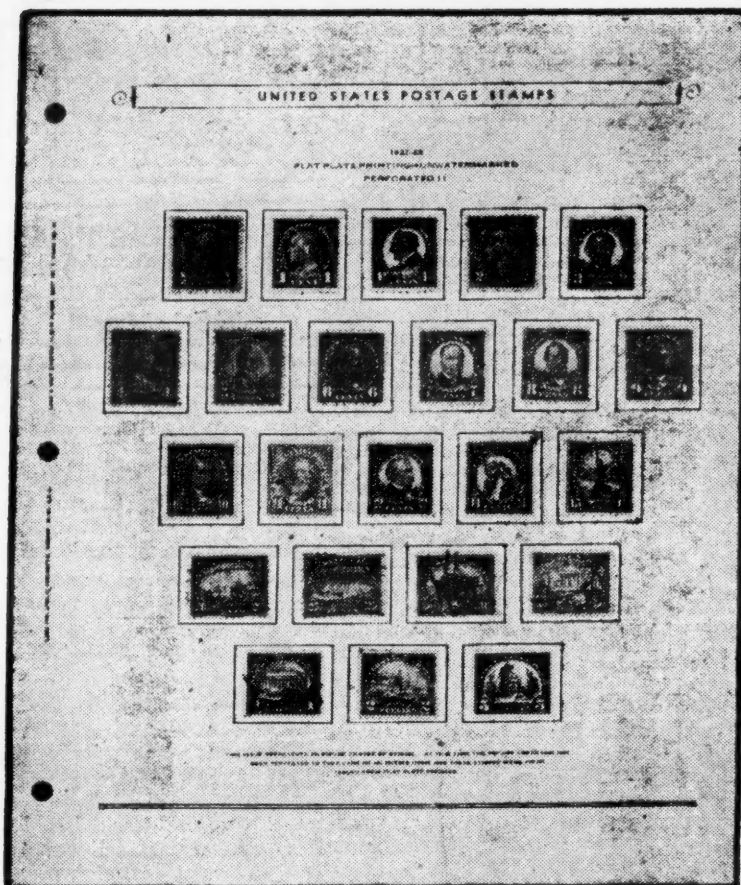
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ANOTHER CARD

This time from Harbor, Ore., announcing the May 5 meeting of the Kokomo Stamp Club. This is a different format from that of a lot of the cards but still it has all the essentials that make up a precanceled card. It was on the regular 2c Franklin item.

PORTLAND, ORE.

There is a Portland, Ore. 1½c Prexy coil that might prove to be as good as the Waco coil. Only time will tell. There are four Prexy coils (1c, 1½c, 2c, 3c) and two Liberty coils (1c and 2c) with OREGON spelled in full. But there has been a 1½c Prexy coil released that has it abbreviated OREG. The abbreviated item is the one that might prove to be good. Hold on to any you might come across.

ALBUM PAGES

Album pages are a tough proposition for many collectors who want to collect precancels. There are those who like to set up their own collections but still don't like to use a blank page. The Peerless Album Company of Aurora, Ill. has come up with several style pages that can be readily adapted to precancel use and the price is quite reasonable.

BULLETIN BOARD

The "Keystoner", bulletin of the Western Pennsylvania Club mailed with 1c Prexies from Morgantown, Pa. The Southern California bulletin from Rialto, Calif. The International Stamp & Hobby Society mailed a brochure recently from Desert Springs, Calif. with a 1½c Prexy.

Two auction lists arrived this week, one a precancel, the other mailed by first-class mail. My preference goes to the one using a precancel but in all fairness to the dealer mailing first class I must say if you want your auction to move along it pays you to mail first-class. Third-class mail nowadays is strictly third-class mail.

Addressed of the above mentioned for return postage.



LEONARD EPSTEIN

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ARGENTINA. The transmission of presidential power was commemorated by the release of three stamps on April 30. They are of the same design showing a head symbolic of Liberty and Democracy, and the National Flag. The values are 40c, 1 Peso and 2P.

AUSTRIA. A 1.50 Schillings dark blue single showing a seated mother looking down at her child was issued May 5 for Mothers Day.

FRANCE. Four more in the Heroes of the Resistance set were released on April 19th. The values are: 8 francs, Jean Cavailles; 12fr., Fred Scamaroni; 15fr., Simone Michel-Levy; and 20fr., Jacques Bingen.

GHANA. The three low values of the Queen Elizabeth set which were overprinted with the rest of the set last year but never officially sold will be placed on sale May 26.

LUXEMBOURG. A set of three was issued May 23 to commemorate the 13th centenary of the birth of St. Willibrord. The values are: 1fr. brick red, 2.50fr. sepia, and 5fr. Prussian blue.

PAKISTAN. The trio to mark the 20th anniversary of the death of Sir Mohammed Iqbal consists of a 1½ anna mustard, 2a. brown, and 1a. kingfisher blue.

SWITZERLAND. The 1958 Pro Patria National Day stamp issue will consist of a 5c + 5c showing a mother and infant, plus four others featuring native decorative minerals. Values of these will be 10c + 10c, 20c + 10c, 30c + 10c, and 40c + 10c. The low one will be brownish carmine; the other four will be in multi-color.

VATICAN CITY. The 200th anniversary of the birth of sculptor Antonio Canova was to be marked during the month of May with a four-value set in values of 10, 15, 35, and 60 Lire.



HOLLYWOOD PRODUCER COLLECTS STAMPS. JERRY WALD, New York City-born writer and producer, after a long and successful career has found himself joining the ranks of other well-known figures who collect stamps. Introduced to the hobby by his teen-age sons Robert and Andrew, he now specializes in U. S., UN and Israel. The above photo shows that he favors White Ace album pages for at least a part of his collection. "Stamp collecting," he recently stated, "extends my learning, opens up new frontiers for my work and gives me a hobby that is second to none. And it makes an excellent father-and-sons partnership."

1000th Year For Trier Market Place

It was in the year 958 that Heinrich, Archbishop of Trier erected on behalf of the German Emperor the cross which still stands over the principal market place at Trier, West Germany. The site is that of the ancient Roman settlement Augusta Treverorum which the legions had founded and later destroyed. Thus 958 is accepted as the date of the reestablishing of the city, now Trier.



To note the 1000th anniversary of the event, a 20 pfennig commemorative will be released June 3 by the West German post office. In red and black and an edition of 20 million, it is the design of Herbert Stelzer of Munich, with engraving by Egon Falz, Berlin, according to information supplied by the Minister of Posts.

The design shows the ancient cross against a background of town buildings. The adhesive will be sold through November 30, and will remain valid until January 1, 1959. Printing is by the Federal Printing Office, Berlin, on the customary "DBP" white, watermarked paper.

List '57 Supplements For "K-Line" Albums

The 1957 supplements to the various "K-Line" albums published by George C. Kobylka, 1433 S. Cuyler Ave., Berwyn, Ill. have reached the market. Of parallel design and quality with his recent Ghana and Togo supplements, they are of standard letterhead size, rounded corners, and punched for the usual three-ring, loose-leaf album.

Each section covers its area fully and well. The pages are of good quality stock, well printed and properly illustrated, with limited captions. All are in black; the Scouts set has in addition some tasteful decorations in olive green.

The number of pages varies with the country, but always the quantity is sufficient to avoid squeezing and crowding stamps on a page. Prices are scaled according to actual production costs. The supplements are available from many dealers or from the publisher. In the latter case, postage must be added. This is 15c per set excepting Poland general government (35c) and Czechoslovakia and Scouts on stamps (20c each).

Supplements newly offered, and their prices are: Poland general government \$3.85, airm 40c, regulars 80c; Laos 40c; Viet Nam 40c; Cambodia 50c; Czechoslovakia \$1.25; Scouts on stamps \$1.35; 16th Olympic Games \$1. Interested collectors may write for Mr. Kobylka's descriptive folder on his full line of supplements.

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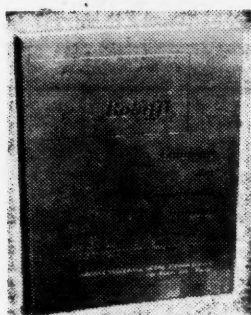
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